

Ministry Team Minutes

ZOOM 7:00 PM., 8/31/2020

Meeting started with prayer

All Business Old and New

There were **38** people attending our last “Worship on Wednesday”.

Promotional events to welcome others from the community were discussed and it was decided that for now, Jen would insert our church opening in the religious page of the Newburyport Daily News, on the church website and the GCC Facebook page.

MASK PROTOCOL REVIEW. We will make face shields available for those who cannot wear masks for health reasons.

Linda shared that the Organ will be tuned this Thursday, 9/3.

A request was made that people should only whisper to contain the spread of the virus in the sanctuary and that “Gaiters” and bandanas should not be allowed. Dorris offered to investigate and report her findings at the next meeting.

A New banner will be raised between the columns on the front of the church welcoming friends old and new. Jim O’Leary and Lou D’angelo will put the banner up as soon as it arrives. It will read Together Again, All Are Welcome!

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We are working on ideas to have a welcoming environment since there will be no “Homecoming Sunday” due to the COVID restrictions.

A plan for overflow of worshipers and those who choose not to be in the sanctuary, was created.

- The outside ushers will receive a count from the inside ushers when the capacity reaches 50 people (including staff and choirs).
- The remaining people will be directed to the door leading to Fellowship Hall, along the path between the church and Memorial Hall.
- FACE COVERINGS ARE EXPECTED!!!
- The team will create a chapel setting with a large cross, socially distanced seating, flowers and candles. Bibles and hymnals will be provided to follow along with the readings. A large screen Television will stream the service in the sanctuary to the “chapel”.
- A Worship Team volunteer will be present to assist in social distance seating and to lead readings and prayers. The team member will also oversee the collection and take a head count.
- No kitchen facilities will be available under any circumstances.

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