Worship Committee Report

August 15, 2021

Our speakers this past season were: May 30: Ben Wideman July 18: Ken Klein Smeltzer, University Baptist and Brethren Church

Kate introduced the committee to CHURCH AROUND THE TABLE: having the congregation break into smaller groups and meet in people's homes once a month on a Sunday morning, following a given program compiled by Kate. We agreed to pass it on to the Leadership Team for approval and then on to an ad.hoc. committee to plan the logistics. It was approved and is in place to try it for 4 Sundays, the first Sunday of each month, beginning on August 1. After the 4th Sunday, then it will be brought to the congregatin for discussion and further determination.

The committee chose to have a church service outside at the Tusseyview Park, near the church, on Sunday, June 27. Masks were required. And as in the past, people were asked to bring their own chairs or blankets, but this time were requested to sit further apart. Singing was allowed with everyone keeping their masks on.

Worship services started in the building on Sunday, July 11, as a hybrid service. Masks were required, no congregational singing occurred, sitting on every other bench was indicated.

Looking into the future, the worship committee is planning another outdoor servcie at Tusseyville Park. Due to the COVID concern still in our State College community, the worship committee will be discussing the concerns of meeting in person in our building.

We have an open invitation and acceptance from Ben Bergey, Professor of Music at EMU to bring the morning service introducing the congregation to the new hymnal, VOICES TOGETHER. The date keeps being postponed due to COVID concerns.

THANK YOU to those of you who have volunteered for worship leading and children's time leading. If you have would like to volunteer as a first-time person or continue volunteering, please contact Ruth Kitchin Tillman for worship leading and Kate for children's time leading. If you would like to be a reader for scripture or readings please contact Kate.

The Worship Committee: