

God calls us to Christian Education so that people can learn about God
and be in deeper relationship with God,
and
be in closer relationship and grow in faith with others.

**Trinity United Church
Christian Education Committee Minutes
August 19, 2020**

Present: Jeannine VanderBeek, Donalee Williams, Marg Hipkin

Absent: Wayne Brown

Marg welcomed everyone at 2:30 p.m. on Zoom. Thanks for hosting us, Donalee!

Approval of minutes

Agreed by consensus that the minutes of June 17, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Church School

The new fall *Godly Play* schedule has not yet been made up. **Action:** Marg will organize it and send it out to the storytellers and doorpersons. **Action:** Jeannine and Marg will make up some personalized ZipLoc bags containing pencils, crayons, plasticine, paper, etc. which will be delivered to the children's homes; each Sunday the children will bring their bag to church. Weather permitting, we will have the children go to a space away from the worship area for their *Godly Play* story, then they can do their work with their personalized 'work bags'.

If we know inclement weather is imminent, Marg will video-tape a storyteller doing the weekly story, then upload it to YouTube and send the link to the kids' parents/grandparents where they can watch it at their leisure. This proposal will be in effect until Church School returns to its place in Lower Assembly. **Action:** Marg will contact the parents to let them know how Church School will be happening in the fall, with the start-up on Sunday, Sept. 13.

Movie Club

Grant Schaming will keep each movie at his house where Movie Club people can pick up the movie-of-the-month. We will start in September with 'The Birth of a Nation', then 'Glory' and 'Lincoln', then carry on with the new slate of movies for 2020-21. As a result of a phone survey asking if individuals preferred Zoom or 'in person', it was decided that individuals wished to meet at Trinity with masks and safe distancing. The first discussion will happen on Friday, September 11 from 7:30 - 9 p.m., depending on whether or not rooms can be booked.

Messy Church

Messy Church has been postponed till church gets back to a 'new normal'.

Adult Study Group

On Sunday, September 20, following Worship and Coffee Hour, Donalee will lead us, in a circle on the back lawn of the church, weather permitting, in a discussion of Chapters 4 & 5 (*Wednesday & Thursday*) in the book 'The Last Week' by Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan. We will discuss Chapters 6 & 7 in October and Chapter 8 in November, then we will have a break in December. **Action:** Marg will have an announcement printed in next Sunday's bulletin. Possibilities for the new year are *My Grandmother's Hands* by Resmaa Menakem and *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo. A decision will be made at our next meeting as to which book we will be studying.

Fall Learning Circles – Wed., Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, Nov. 4, 11 at 7 p.m.

Donalee will lead two learning circles with the topic *Anti-Racism & White Privilege* via Zoom on Wed., Oct. 7 & 14.

Action: Ken Pettigrew will be asked if he would lead *A Circle of Stories* via Zoom on Wed., Sept. 30.

We may possibly have Learning Circles on Oct. 21, Nov. 4 & 11.

Spring Learning Circles

Due to CoVid19, the following did not happen, but some of them are possibilities for the Spring 2021 Learning Circles:

The Sacred Balance – a series of four 54-minute DVDs on integrating today's scientific knowledge with our faith (led by Jeannine VanderBeek), *Storytelling* (led by Ken Pettigrew), *Dream Interpretation* (led by Alan Minarcik).and five evenings of *The Vinyl Café* (led by Jeannine VanderBeek). Other possibilities are *Math & Memory* (led by Ken Estabrooks), *South Indian Cuisine* (led by Deena Errampalli), *Introduction to Felting* (led by Donalee Williams), *Acrylic Painting*, and *Seniors' Olympics – Balance and Falls*.

Bible Study continues to be led by Donalee on Thursdays at 4 o'clock via Zoom.

New Business: Nursery – Once Trinity is reopened for worship in the Sanctuary, will toddlers be at the back of the church, with toys and books disinfected? Will M&P or C.E. need to contact Alex Hall regarding nursery not being held in the Nursery? **Action:** This will be brought up at the August Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m. The next regularly-scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marg Hipkin

OPENING MINDS - OPENING HEARTS - OPENING DOORS