

# **WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING MINUTES**

## **July 16, 2024**

In Attendance: Pastor Fred, Gordon S., Jessie A., David B., Joan Y., Sheri S., Sandy S., Carol S., Julie S., Lynn S.

Excused: Kevin S.

**1. OPENING DEVOTION** – Gordon Snyder: A Troubling Weekend. Jacqueline and I started our weekend attending a tribute in CT to a cousin's partner who had recently died. Then, I heard about a presidential candidate being shot. Our country is divided in ways I have never seen. When I arrived home from CT, I saw an email from Linda Clark about placing TLC on the Agape Music Outreach schedule for January. This raised my spirits as making music and praising the Lord is what Agape is all about and when I am with them, I am Praising the Lord! Prayer offered up for humanity and civility to replace the divisiveness and anger plaguing our country. Prayer for the need for love and respect in our nation. AMEN

### **2. DISCUSSION/FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST MEETING**

- a. Summer Dinner Church: Thank you to Lynn S. for posting an article about the start of Summer Dinner Church in the Chimp mail weekly newsletter. There were 10 -11 in attendance on July 10.
- b. Bread Themed Liturgy July 28 – August 25: Looking for members to bake any type of yeast bread for communion. So far Carol S, Pastor Fred and Kevin have volunteered. We have not heard from any other volunteers. Need 2 more, not to worry.
- c. Agape Music Outreach: Gordon presented - Agape proposal to come to TLC on January 26, 2025. Pastor and W&M Team approved. Gordon will let the leaders of Agape know.
- d. Liturgy – will start a new setting, setting 6 from red hymnal on July 21. Pastor has added a new prayer to say post communion. (stems out of the discussion in council and W&M of the rancorous demeanor in our country right now) It is a time to pull together and to be aware of our own behaviors.

**3. HYMN SELECTION** – Thanks to Pastor and Joan Y for picking hymns for July, and to David B. for August. Julie and Lynn will pick hymns for September. (NB: Per topic 4, the Energizer Sunday service will be a tour through the church year calendar and hymns will be from each season.)

**4. ENERGIZER SUNDAY, SEPT 15, "SERVICE OF THE SEASONS"** – "Service of the Seasons" was a proposal from Jill Ryan, whose congregation in NC did it. We will go through each season of the church year which hopefully will help members understand the church year calendar. There will be a brief discussion of each season as we get to it, a prayer and hymn. Holy Communion will be celebrated during "Holy Week". Pastor will change stoles for each season and the paraments will be changed. The team organizing this celebration is writing their own liturgy and will pick the hymns for the day.

## **5. ROUND TABLE:**

Spanish Class: Spanish Class after Sunday worship service – 12 attendees. Great!

Sandy S: Discussion of dinner church and would like to see more variety. Pastor questioned what that meant and that he is open to any ideas. Discussed that there wasn't much discussion of the questions given after the lesson and shouldn't that be emphasized? Pastor is fine with people pondering questions and if a discussion ensues great or people can think about them later. What is important is that we are out in the community sharing fellowship, the Lord's supper and a meal together.

Julie: Spoke with Louise Olshan and she and her bell ringers are excited to come on August 25<sup>th</sup>. They will play throughout the service – 4 different hymns. There are 6 ringers.

Gordon: A little information on Agape:

- They sing and play at one church a month. They reach out to each church's members to see if any would like to sing with them. There are 2 rehearsals prior to the date. They rehearse on Wednesday nights at the United Methodist Church in Rockaway.
- Pastor asked about size of donation to give to Agape and Gordon said it is up to individual church, but \$300 -\$500 would be a sizable donation.
- Leaders, Linda and Lisa will need to meet with Pastor ahead of time. Will want to set up bells a day or two before Jan 26.
- Frequently there are also other instrumentalists besides bell ringers.
- Gordon regrettably will not be with them as he has plans to be in Florida during that time.

Pastor: Next liturgy setting change? We will switch Sunday after Energizer. Decided on setting 4, as we just finished 2. Will use until Advent (9 weeks)

### **NEXT MEETING – AUGUST 20 @ 7pm on Zoom**

(Lynn will not be present. Thank you to Sheri S. who agreed to take minutes)

## **6. CLOSING PRAYER:** Lord's Prayer together