

Pastor's Report for May 2020

Pastor William E. Maki

1. Attendance for the month of April: Not taken. Our in-person attendance stopped completely due to the *"Shelter In Place"* order given by the Governor and by order of the Executive Committee of the Council we discontinued face to face worship. See Below.
2. I officiated zeros wedding in April. (See Official Acts)
3. I officiated zero baptisms in April. (See Official Acts)
4. I officiated zero funerals in April. (See Official Acts)
5. The Covid-19 virus continues to have a dramatic effect on worship life, just as it has had a dramatic effect on everyday life in our communities. Fortunately, Ohio and other states are being to open back up in a Phased In process.
 - a. No in person worship for April. But we hope to have socially distanced worship at some point in May.
 - b. I continue to record Sunday Worship on my smartphone, uploading the videos to YouTube, and sharing the videos on my Facebook page and Facebook Instant Messenger. I have also emailed the videos to some folks.
 - c. We continue to broadcast live on Sunday morning at 8am on WCSM radio.
 - d. Currently the only people gathering on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary are:
 - i. Jody Slemmons – to connect us to the radio.
 - ii. Merilee Miller – to provide organ music for Prelude and Postlude
 - iii. Jerry Kemmann and Ann Maki – to record the modified service on my iPhone.
 - iv. Me – I make a few announcements, lead a modified worship service with sermon.
 - v. We keep this number in the sanctuary intentionally low so as to not place anyone at risk. Just in this group we have 5 people out of a limitation of 10 if we were open to face to face worship.
 - vi. I continue to post devotions on YouTube with sharing as I do for worship.
 - vii. I have a wedding scheduled for May 23 in the backyard of a member's home that is still going to take place.
 - viii. I have two weddings scheduled in June. One of which has now rescheduled their reception, but the wedding is still on June 6 at St John's Hopewell.

6. We have been blessed with faithful members who have provided their offerings and we are in good shape financially.
7. All non-Worship activities at the church continue to be cancelled.
8. Office hours continue normally per the Trustee's, but due to social distancing requirements, the only time we will have two in the office is Monday morning, when money is being counted.
9. As you know we continue to use Zoom for our council meetings.
10. The Ohio Mission Region has cancelled its "in-person" Convocation in Columbus on May 2nd, and instead we met by *Go to Meeting* and heard a message from our Bishop and conducted a modified business meeting. At least 77 people participated in the meeting.
11. The Northwest Ohio Mission District conducted a modified business meeting by Zoom on Saturday May 2nd, as well. Four out of the five Mission Districts had a problem accessing their Zoom meetings on Saturday because the person who set them up forgot to change one aspect of the meeting which then caused a problem for the other four Mission Districts. Our Mission District was able to overcome that issue and meet at 12:30p instead of Noon. There were 11 people who participated in our Mission District meeting.
12. I have 5 volunteers making calls to our members each week to check on their status, and to ask if they need anything. I check with them weekly if they haven't called me to report a need.
13. Ann and I were supposed to start vacation yesterday and head to Myrtle Beach, but obviously we had to cancel it. We will take a nice vacation at a later date.