

Pastor's Report (Mike Wilson)
May 18 – June 21

Worship services: 5
Sermons: 5
Saturday breakfast: 4

Meetings/Events:

All meetings have been on Zoom or other online platform and have included:

- Two session check-in meetings
- Weekly staff meetings
- Finance committee
- Worship & Arts committee
- "meet the artists" AiR gathering
- Bi-weekly presbytery special sessions including a webinar I co-led on live streaming and one with Rachel Hayes leading on the pandemic
- Presbytery service of lament for our current circumstances
- Project Thrive gatherings with participating pastors
- Saturday breakfast meeting
- CPM meeting
- Bi-weekly individualized pastor coaching through Project Thrive and Center for Healthy Churches
- Joint service with Second Presbyterian
- General Assembly training
- General Assembly moderator candidates forum
- General Assembly opening plenary

I've also been calling through the DPC directory and checking in with members, especially those who haven't been in the Zoom gatherings.

Pastoral expenses – approx. <\$100

Study Leave & Vacation:

- PCUSA General Assembly -- June 19, 26 27. Mary Louise will be guest preacher on June 28
- one-week vacation planned: August 10 - 16. Worship strategy TBD.

The Downtown Presbyterian Church
Saturday Breakfast Volunteer Meeting of May 20, 2020
Minutes

A virtual (Zoom) meeting of the Fishes and Loaves People of The Downtown Presbyterian Church (DPC) was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

In Attendance: Tom Wills, Dave Coleman, Rev. Mike Wilson, Dixie Williamson, Mary Turner, Erin Bell, Claire Armbruster, Jim and Faye Dickson, and Vickie Coffin

Words of prayer were spoken at 4:06 PM.

Pandemic Saturday Breakfast

Food is picked up around 2:00 on Fridays, brought to DPC around 3:00. Supplies are kept in what used to be the nursery on the first floor. Assembling food bags took 3 hours at first, but now takes 1 and a half hours. Started loading 200 bags, but have reduced to 120. Cost per meal is about \$1.50.

On Saturday mornings, a folding table is placed at the Church St. gate at the front of the church building. Boxes of bags are put on the table. Socks and ponchos, hand warmers are given out, depending on the need.

We should organize food and supply purchases. Good practice would be to stock up ahead of time when nonperishable supplies are available.

Some guests wear masks, some don't. Some guests are confused, afraid. They have started asking questions about how they can get what they need.

Donations are appreciated. Claire set up donation capability on the SignUp Genius. Can it be done on the DPC Facebook page?

It would be nice if more members and friends of the church would volunteer on Fridays. Would it be a good idea to set up the SignUp Genius for this?

The Future of the Saturday Breakfast

We have a responsibility to our Sunday congregation as well as our Saturday guests. For the safety of our members, friends and guests, we should plan on continuing social distancing outdoors for a long time.

Clothing Closet

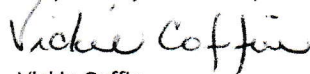
People have been home, cleaning out their closets. They want to know if they can donate to the Clothing Closet. Dave Coleman offered to drive around and pick up clothing if wanted. But this was decided against so that a surplus of clothing wouldn't pile up. Maybe Paulino Jarquin could learn to do a good job of disinfecting (including inside the Clothing Closet) newly donated goods. As seasons change, we may have to reimagine clothing distribution.

The meeting ended at 5:01 PM.

Addendum:

The notice shown here is now being posted by Rev. Mike Wilson in the weekly evotion.

Respectfully Submitted,



Vickie Coffin

Saturday Breakfast Volunteers Needed

We're looking for a few more DPC members to participate in our Saturday breakfast ministry to Nashville's homeless and urban poor community.

For the foreseeable future we'll be preparing bag meals on Friday afternoon and distributing them on Saturday morning. We are intentionally limiting the number of participants on both days to four or five. For the last couple months a dedicated group totaling about 10 people has been sharing the load. We'd like to have another handful of people willing to rotate in and out so that our current corps does not get burned out.

There are three primary tasks:

- * **Friday before 3:00 p.m.** - Picking up our weekly supplies, usually from Gordon's Food Service and delivering them to the church
- * **Friday around 3:00 p.m.** - Making and bagging the sandwiches and filling the takeaway bags with the other items. This usually takes under two hours.
- * **Saturday around 7:00 a.m.** - setting up the outside tables and distributing the meals to our guests. Distribution is usually complete and volunteers headed home by 9:30 a.m.

If you are interested in learning the procedures and participating, contact Pastor Mike (mikes@jason@dpcchurch.com) and he'll pass on your information to those currently leading and scheduling our efforts.

Please know that all our volunteers are masked and gloved for preparation and distribution and our distribution setup prevents any physical contact with our guests. All work surfaces inside the church are regularly sanitized.

We hope that you'll consider joining this vital ministry!

Worship & Arts Committee

June 17, 2020

In attendance: Rev. Wilson, William Taylor, Nina Cardona, Dixie Williamson, Erin Bell, David Maddox

Discussion of return to on-campus worship

- Content of services
 - Advice is to have a more streamlined service.
 - Keep it shorter, ca. 40 minutes
 - No congregational singing or large choirs—use soloists and small ensembles. May use handbells.
 - Scale back children's activities in service
 - No education time or coffee hour before or after
- Procedures
 - Conversation was based around an assumption that we would return during Phase 3 or 4, when larger groups are allowed under certain conditions. People over 65 are discouraged from attending gatherings in this phase.
 - We would need probably a larger usher/greeter team. Maybe 4 people each Sunday?
 - Programs would be placed in the pews to indicate where individuals or family groups should sit. Will need someone to come to the Sanctuary and see how to distribute people in the Sanctuary.
 - People would be required to wear masks. DPC would have a supply of masks on hand for people who do not bring their own.
 - Need supply of hand sanitizer available for guests.
 - Upon entering the building, ushers/greeters would take each person's temperature and give them a mask if they need one.
 - People would be encouraged to sanitize hands.
 - Ushers/greeters would instruct people to choose a seat someplace where a bulletin has been placed.
 - Children
 - Nursery service would not be available.
 - Will ask Susie to facilitate a discussion among the families with kids about activities and guidelines for children.
 - There will be no word for the children, passing of the peace, or offering collection.
 - For offering, we will have receptacles for checks/donations somewhere in Sanctuary and in Narthex. Need new receptacles to draw attention to it. Will also continue to encourage online giving.
 - Will still try to do candle table. Will ask people to go up all through the service, only go a few at a time, and mark points on the floor to ensure 6 foot spacing. Will have some people primed to go up early in the service to encourage people to do it this way.
 - At end of service, people will be asked to leave one row at a time. The ushers/greeters will come to each row to indicate it is their turn to leave.

- Communion—will use pre-packaged juice/wafers that will be put in the pews before service. May invite people to bring their own too.
 - Service will also be livestreamed. Can acquire simple system with two or three inputs coming into a laptop or tablet to allow us to switch camera angles through service. Will place cameras close, not at longer distance. Will need one person to operate this each Sunday and to respond on the chat feed.
 - Will encourage people to use the restrooms downstairs since these are likely the first to get improvements and are designed for better access/egress.
- Requirements for this
 - Staffing:
 - Usher/greeter crew (4 people). Need to come early for set up.
 - Camera operator/chat monitor
 - Material:
 - Masks
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Offering receptacles
 - Simple livestream system
 - Communion materials

Other business

- Mike will be out on August 16. We will see if Stacy Rector or Sarah Jordan would be available to preach. We would like to try to get other people up to spend with managing our livestreaming