

**Pastor's Report (Mike Wilson)**  
**June 22 – July 19**

Worship services: 4  
Sermons: 4  
Saturday breakfast: 1

**Meetings/Events:**

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

- Weekly staff meetings
- Worship & Arts committee
- Nominating Committee meeting
- Outreach Committee meeting
- Personnel Committee meeting
- Bi-weekly presbytery special sessions
- Project Thrive gatherings with participating pastors, bi-weekly
- Bi-weekly individualized pastor coaching through Project Thrive and Center for Healthy Churches
- CPM meeting
- General Assembly – June 26, 27
- Presbytery, July 18

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:**

- one-week vacation planned: August 9 (after worship) - 16. Worship strategy TBD.

## **Worship & Arts Committee**

**Thursday, July 16, 7:00**

### **August 16 church service**

Mike and Mary Louis are going to be on vacation. Rather than try to train someone else to do the livestream, or ask Mike and William to record the entire service in advance, we will give Mike and William the Sunday off. Instead of our service, we will encourage people to attend the service at First Presbyterian Church in Pikeville, KY, where Scot Robinson is pastor. They do their services in a pre-recorded format that drops at 11:00 am Eastern Time. Scot and Mike will work on incorporating some DPC visitors into the service.

### **Refined planning for return to worship**

The conversation was framed with the assumption that with the spike in cases, this will not happen before September.

- Taking temperatures. Based on advice from several people and concern for making too cumbersome a process, we agreed to not include that as part of our protocol. We will rely on masks and social distancing.
- Cleaning protocol. We will ask Paulino to do a thorough cleaning of the Sanctuary and Narthex after worship, or after any other event that may occur there (e.g., East Side Story)
- We will have ushers direct people to their seats, not just rely on bulletin placement and signage
- Signage. Two sets of signs [wait to produce until we are closer to opening, in case other factors to consider emerge]
  - At the street and/or front doors. A few simple points:
    - Church is open for worship, doors open at \_\_\_\_ [need to decide that detail]
    - Masks are required
    - An usher will seat you
    - Enjoy the service (or something like that)
  - In Narthex
    - Sanitize your hands [dispenser in Narthex]
    - Please wear a mask, if you do not have one, we will provide one
    - Wait for a greeter/usher to seat you
    - Place offering in the container [need to acquire a couple to place in Narthex]
- We need to post the detail on these requirements on Facebook pages, evotion, website.
- Create a short videotape that walks people through what will happen, post it in the same places
- Music.
  - William has some great ideas for using handbells, which can be done with good distancing.
  - The cantor will sing the hymns. We need to ask Rachel Hayes her view on singing with masks on in terms of potential spread.

### **Lessons and Carols**

Did not pick a date, but discussed it. Will pare back the lessons. William will work on a proposed outline. A lot will depend on whether we are back to face-to-face by then, or still worshipping remotely. In that case, it can be an independent recorded service.

**Communications Committee Report for DPC Session Meeting July 19, 2020**  
**Submitted by Holly J. Kellar - 7/15/2020**

Facebook engagement

Starting in September 2019, we made a concerted effort for more Facebook followers, and it has paid off! I wish I had been tracking those numbers for the last 10 months, but if I remember correctly, we were around 400 or 500.

As we continue our online worship (via Facebook Live) and virtual engagement, I would like to start reporting on some general Facebook analytics. Going forward, I'll try to put this into a nicer format so that we can compare month to month, and I'll generally give statistics for the past month.

Facebook stats as of 7/15/2020

- Page Likes: **650** (+16 in last 28 days)
- Page Followers: **704** (+16 in last 28 days)
- Total Page Views: **264** in last 28 days
- Online worship video views (more than 3 seconds)
  - June 14: 225
  - June 21: 285
  - June 28: 352
  - July 5: 219
  - July 12: 196

Future plans

It is my intention to have a regular schedule of new content to post to our Facebook page, with different people responsible for different types of content -- i.e., "Music Mondays" or "Wednesday with William." (Yes, marketers are big on alliteration!) Current page Editors are William Taylor, Tom Wills, Claire Armbruster, Nina Cardona, and Stephanie Coleman. (Mike Wilson and I are Admins.) I will likely look for a couple more people who are interested in preparing/submitting/posting content for our page. Let me know if you are interested or know someone who might be!