

St. David's Vestry Called Meeting Minutes, March 16, 2020
Online via Zoom, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Caroline, Jessica (note-taker), Steve, Jake, Vance, Gael

Opening Prayer (Caroline)

Discussion: How can St. David's be "church" and continue ministry when we are not meeting in person for worship? What does the congregation need, and what does the community need?

- Jessica reported on webinar presented by Episcopal Relief and Development concerning community outreach ministry during COVID-19.
 - Importance of connectedness, sense of community, "paying it forward" and gratitude
- Sharing of ideas for supporting our local community
 - Re-invigorate Rice & Beans ministry (when those staples come back to grocery stores)
 - Listening to needs identified by other community service organizations, such as Sylva Rotary, Community Table, United Christian Ministries, Schools
 - Possibly serving as a drop off/pickup site for donations to other community organizations
 - Dial-Arounds to mimic Dine-Arounds within the parish, as a way to keep in touch with each other and check on each other.
 - Parish list can be divided up for calls from vestry and others

Caroline: How to be present with each other when we have to maintain social distancing?

- Can record readings and sermons, for posting to the website
- Available for private prayer in person (at a distance!) at the church on Tuesdays, via phone. or an online prayer group via videoconference
- Can deliver communion
- Explore possibility of livestream or videoconference service (readings, sermon, prayer)

Motion made and carried authorizing Steve to get a Zoom Pro account for the church (rather than using Caroline's personal Zoom Pro account) to enable videoconferencing without time limits and request volunteers to serve as "IT buddies" for parishioners using the software for the first time.

Motion made and carried for Caroline to explore parishioners' interest in forming an online prayer group, or doing a service via videoconference.

Motion made and carried to arrange for all members of the parish to receive a phone call from a vestry member for fellowship and needs assessment in the coming weeks.

Motion made and carried for Caroline's recorded sermons to be posted on the website.

Closing Prayer (Jessica reading "A Litany for a Pandemic")