

The Old Sloop's Log



A Monthly Publication of
The First Congregational Church of
Rockport, UCC, The Reverend Derek
Van Gulden, Pastor

Our Covenant

We the members of this congregation welcome you with gladness into our lives. We renew our covenant of faith and offer you our support, encouragement and love to the end that all of us may grow in the boundless mercy of God. By loving and being loved, forgiving and being forgiven, serving and being served, let us go forward together with courage as Christ's disciples glorifying God by being fully alive.

Open and Affirming Statement

We the members of the First Congregational Church of Rockport are called upon to love one another as God loves us, freely and unconditionally. Therefore, we covenant to be an Open and Affirming congregation welcoming persons of every age, ability, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status, nationality, ethnicity and immigration status into full membership and participation in our community life and ministry. We embrace and support those who experience rejection and exile from spiritual community and commit ourselves to the struggle against injustice.

Beloved,

Over the last week I have been contemplating and praying on a single word: "breath." After the death of George Floyd, the words, "I can't breathe" have filled the airways, social media and protest rallies throughout our country and the world. But to be truthful I have had trouble breathing ever since the pandemic started and our world was turned upside down. Not because of an illness, though I do have asthma, but because there were and are some days when I cannot seem to catch my breath. To slow down and simply breathe. To remind myself that breath is a gift from God.

"The Lord God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life's breath into his nostrils. The human came to life." (Genesis 2:7 The Common English Bible)

During our Wednesday afternoon bible study, I have been teaching how to meditate with scripture through *lectio-divina*. After the scripture is read aloud, I lead everyone into meditation by concentrating on their breathing pattern. As people inhale a slow deep breath, I ask them to invite God to fill their whole being with God's presence. As they exhale to let everything else out. After this week's bible study Katie sent me a recording of the song 'This is the Air I Breathe' - *"This is the air I breathe; this is the air I breathe, Your holy presence living in me. I'm lost without you..."* ('This is the Air I Breathe' by Michael W. Smith)

I have been listening to this song over and over. It reminds me of why breath is so important. For forty years I worked as a Respiratory Therapist helping people breathe. Over all that time I was frequently blessed to witness many first breaths as well as being present for many last breaths. In those moments I would lose my breath in awe of the beautiful connection and presence of God in each moment of our lives.

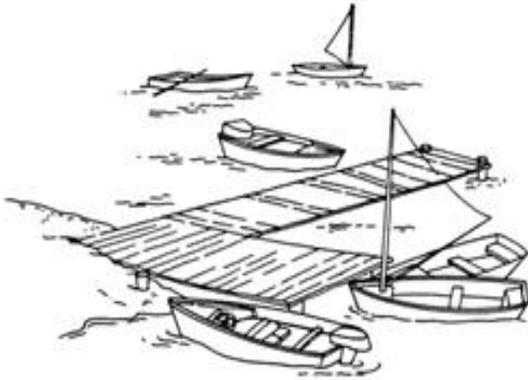
In this time and moment, I am moved by what the breath of God means to me. It allows me to share the gospel, the good news of God's unconditional love for all and Jesus' call to the work of justice, compassion, and reconciliation. The breath of God gives me voice to speak for those who have no voices, to sing out in protest over systemic forms of oppression such as racism, heterosexism, and all other forms of oppression.

The breath of God also brings me peace through the gift of Holy Spirit to be with me in this holy work. *Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. (John 20:21-22 The Common English Bible)*

If you have trouble breathing these days I encourage to stop, take some slow deep breaths, invite God to fill your whole being. Rest in the presence of God. Once you have caught your breath use your voice which comes through that breath to do the work you are called to do.

Blessings of easy deep breath, Rev. Derek





The Old Sloop Landing

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Taking Care of our Church Family

During our lives in the time of the Coronavirus, staying at home has been the model of prevention that we all share. It is also a time as a church family that we have had to adjust to our sanctuary being closed to us and our worship services being “zoomed” to us. We have had to find other ways to connect and be there for each other. We have needed to push ourselves to be more creative and “think out of the box” to figure out ways to support each other and lift each other up.

Together, we have had to face mutual fears that we never thought would be an issue -- being isolated, along with weekly and daily events that we took for granted. And, one of those is putting food on our tables. That is...*grocery shopping*.

Your church, in its quest to always be mindful of keeping its members safe and spiritually nourished, has maybe come up with an innovative way to keep you healthy and physically nourished too.

Reducing the stress of grocery shopping

The idea is to greatly limit your need to visit the grocery store. Many of you have expressed the procrastination and restraint in heading to shop and stock up for food...waiting in line...being exposed to others...and facing the absence of product on the shelves. It doesn't matter how old you are. This is a fear that we have all expressed or suppressed. And, we are mindful to even think of letting our guards down in the future.

One thing we may have all learned is that being prepared is what helps us feel better and less stressed. And, looking out for one another and being connected helps all of us feel stronger and supported.

To support this feeling of preparedness for the year to come, the Old Sloop is setting up a way for you all to acquire needed produce, some dairy products, bread and pastries, and maybe even eggs. We can certainly build on this to find resources for meat, fish, and poultry in the very near future...especially fish, since it is swimming just a stone's throw away from the church. And, you will be able to pick up your groceries at the new "Old Sloop Landing" located at the former day school at 12 School Street.

Who will be providing your groceries?

After much research, we discovered Holden Produce Company located in Chelsea, which has provided produce and other products to restaurants and nursing homes in the area. For more than 20 years, Holden Fruit & Produce has been a family-owned and operated business. Today, they have a warehouse and processing facility just outside the New England Produce Center where they pull their products to distribute to customers. New England Produce Center states that its primary objective is to supply the highest quality fresh fruits and vegetables along with agriculturally related items, to wholesalers, retailers and food service customers serving the more than eight million people located in an area bounded by Connecticut in the South, to the Canadian border in the North, and all the Maritime Provinces of Canada in the East, to Albany, N.Y., in the West.

Holden Produce Direct -- the company's residential program -- has agreed to make one large delivery for us -- as a group -- to 12 School Street, eliminating the need for a minimum purchase and any delivery charges. As church members, you will make your own individual selections on the Holden Produce Direct website and pay directly with your credit card. **The delivery address is: The First Congregational Church of Rockport, 12 School Street, Rockport. And, indicate that you are part of "The Old Sloop."** To check out their diverse offerings, feel free to visit the website at **Holden Produce Direct (www.holdenproduce.com)**. Bread and pastries, eggs and some dairy will be provided by another resource...*more information to come later*. Holden Produce Direct encourages input to enhance their current list of selections. If there is something you would like, but it is missing from their list, just let them know. If they can, they will try to find it for the next time.

When to order and pick up your groceries

Starting Wednesday, May 6, Holden will be making their deliveries to us every first and third Wednesday of the month. They will deliver sometime in the morning and then, you can pick up your orders in the afternoon that same day. Those who work during the day will be able to make arrangements for pick-up late day/early evening on your way home from work.

You will have to put in your order by the Monday before the Wednesday deliveries. So, mark your calendars accordingly...**and have your order in by noon on Monday, June 15 for the next delivery on Wednesday, June 17.**

Your order will be marked and ready for pick-up. A schedule for pick-up will be staggered alphabetically by last name throughout the day. (*See attached instructions.*) If there is a delay in the delivery, you will be notified via email.

Several church members have already volunteered to make deliveries to those who cannot come in person to pick up their orders.

Pick-up at The Old Sloop Landing is at the window of the former day school at 12 School Street. You will park on School Street. There will be a table right outside the window for you to receive your order. If necessary, a volunteer will be available to assist you to your car with your order. A cart will also be available for heavy loads.

There will be no contact and wearing your masks is mandatory. Your packaged order will be cleaned down when first received by the shipper.

Always looking for input

We hope that creating "The Old Sloop Landing" will ease some of the burden and stress of what has become our everyday lives. Please let us know how it is working for you once you have tried it. We encourage you to please try it at least once, if it is possible.

If you have other resources that you would like us to look into to add to the offerings at the Old Sloop Landing, please let us know.

God bless you all and we hope you take advantage and enjoy The Old Sloop Landing.

Instructions for Ordering and Pick-up of groceries

***Important:* Pick-up days are the first and third WEDNESDAY of each month**

Orders must be in by the Monday – by noon -- before your pick-up day

- 1.) Go to: **holdenproduce.com** On Holden's "home" page, you will see an orange button, that looks like this:

Home Delivery now Available with Holden Produce Direct!

ORDER NOW

- 2.) Click on the "Order Now" button and it will bring you into Holden Produce Direct where you will see a selection of produce and some dairy products, etc.
- 3.) Scroll down to where it says "Sign In." For your first order, you will be joining. All orders thereafter, you just sign in with your email address. You will also be assigned an account number.
- 4.) The website is very user-friendly. Proceed to do your shopping and follow the prompts.
- 5.) When you check out, be sure to use the following **address for delivery**:
- First Congregational Church of Rockport**
12 School Street, Rockport, MA 01966
- 6.) In the "Comments" put: **The Old Sloop**
- 7.) In the "Coupon Code" type: **HOLDENDIRECT10**
(All caps, no spaces)
- 8.) **For total purchase is below \$50**, we are working out the access issues.
- ** If you should have problems ordering, have your order ready and call **Jen at Holden at: 617/889-2204**. She is very helpful. She is working with her IT people to make this easier for us in the future.
- 9.) Schedule for pick-up on the first and third **Wednesday afternoons** of the month.

<u>Time for Pick-up</u>	<u>Last names</u>
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	A to F
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	G to N
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	O to Z

If you have to pick up your groceries after work or you have a conflict, just let the church office know by calling 978-546-

6638 or email at office@rockportucc.org ahead of time and make arrangements to pick up after 5 pm Wednesday.



CABINET

MEETING MINUTES MAY 17, 2020

Subject to Approval

Special note: this meeting was held during the COVID 19 pandemic while social distancing kept the members of the cabinet from being physically together. Cabinet members attended from their homes using a video conferencing facility.

Present: Jack Reed, Moderator, chair, and Christian Education Committee; Rev. Derek van Gulden, Pastor; Bruce Coates, Treasurer; Lou Cannon, Personnel Committee; Bob Cannon, Music Committee; Bonnie Gray, Trustees; Camilla Ayers, Diaconate; Stephen Kalaghan, Christian Outreach Committee; Jim Schell, Membership Committee; Joe Chambers, Stewardship Committee; Jay Reed, Treasurer of Mission Funds; Regina Reis, Office Manager; and Geof Lyon, Clerk and recording secretary.

Handouts: (sent by email before meeting): Agenda, Draft Minutes of Cabinet Meeting April 19, Year-to-Date Operating Summary and Cash and Investment Summary for April 30, 2020

Action, Discussion, and Follow-up Items

Declaration of a quorum, approval of minutes.

Moderator Jack Reed observed that a quorum was present. He called the meeting to order at 7:04PM. Rev. Derek van Gulden led the assembly in prayer.

The minutes of the April 19 meeting were reviewed. Minor corrections were made to the reports of the Historian and the Trustees. The minutes were approved as amended by voice vote.

Old Sloop Landing

Office Manager Regina Reis described the origins of the Old Sloop Landing group food shopping project. There were 10- orders the first week. The program may expand to offer meat and other items and to include people from other churches. Orders are due by 2:00 Monday afternoons, the order is delivered to the church Wednesday mornings, and people can pick up their orders Wednesday afternoons. The program operates every other week.

Vibrant Faith

Rev. Derek reported that the organizers of the Vibrant Faith - Thriving Congregations program have revised it dramatically in consideration of the pandemic. Rev. Derek will send the new outline to the Christian Education Committee this week, and they will begin to put together the six-person team for the church.

Tree Planting

Jack reported that Bruce Reed head of the Rockport Department of Public Works contacted him about the elm tree the town would like to plant on the church lawn. A motion was made that we ask the town to proceed with the tree. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program

Bruce Coates reported that we are waiting for Institution for Savings to send us guidelines for the forgiveness program.

Financials to date

Bruce referred to the financial summaries he had distributed by email. Net income is \$11,361 better than budget. Operating income is down \$2,815 because of the loss of loose plate donations. Operating expenses are \$14,177 below budget because of the mild winter and the unoccupied building. Bruce pointed to the new non-operating fund "PPP Loan Fund" for the Payroll Protection Plan loan. These monies will become operating funds once the loan forgiveness is official. The value of the investments at Fidelity has improved, and we are now down only \$52,000 year to date.

Director of Christian Education and Faith Formation

Rev. Derek spoke to Katie Welch, and she happily accepted the offer.

Streaming Services

Geof Lyon reported that he and Jim Schell have begun to collect details about the equipment we will need for video streaming of services when we are back in the building.

New Business

Derek said he circulated Phasing-Forward In Person Worship Guidelines from the SNEUCC by email just before meeting. He would like to form a small group of people to look at this.

Officer Reports

Pastor

Rev. Derek reported that people are watching the service on channel 67. People have also called to thank us for the online services. He asked Phil and Liz to begin planning a Pentecost service. He would like to celebrate the ministries of Kristina and Katie on Pentecost, and he is looking for help.

Treasurer of Mission Funds

Jay Reed reported that the Outreach treasury balance at the end of April was \$6,400. The committee is proceeding carefully with disbursements until they see that income is stable.

Committee Reports

Trustees

Bonnie Gray reported that Bill Elwell has installed all three doors.

Christian Outreach Committee

Stephen Kalaghan reported that the Pastor's fund in good shape. There have been donations to Family Promise and Action, Inc. The next Family Promise host week will probably not be until October.

Stewardship Committee

Camilla noted that Louisa Casadei-Johnson did a wonderful job introducing the Virtual Offering Plate at worship that morning. Joe Chambers noted that the Stewardship Committee had worked out the program and presentation.

Music Committee

Bob Cannon commended Phil Swanson and Kristina Martina for stepping up during this time. He also reported that people are enjoying Phil's talk before the postlude.

Personnel Committee

Lou Cannon would like to celebrate Kristina's and Katie's and everyone's hard work. Jack added that the music from the Hursts is wonderful.

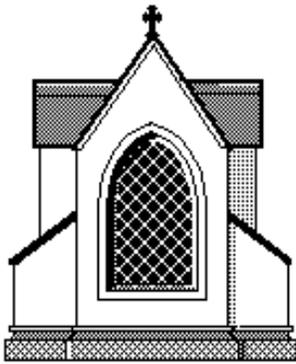
Date of Next Cabinet Meeting:

The Cabinet will next meet in the Morgan Room at 7:00PM on June 21.

Respectfully submitted,

Geof Lyon, Clerk

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL



Stewardship Committee

STEWARDSHIP JUNE 2020

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1Peter 4:10

My cat went missing for a couple of days last week. We were sure she had met her Maker in an encounter with some wily coyote or sly fox. We were beside ourselves with sadness and I prayed for her safe return, feeling a little sheepish when so many people are praying for bigger things. During these times when so much continues to change and the future feels even more unknown than usual, our daily rituals become more meaningful and our constant relationships dearer. Maybe that's why I felt a particularly sad sense of loss when my cat didn't come home.

Rev. Derek informed us last week that The Old Sloop will not be holding live worship services in her sanctuary until at least the end of summer. The Old Sloop Fair will be on

hiatus, too. Change can be hard. However, it's remarkable that we've continued to meet regularly, missing only one Sunday service as we transitioned from live to online gatherings. We continue to hear the readings, the music, and the sermons that mark our Sunday mornings and send us off into our weeks. We continue to see the familiar faces who used to occupy the pews around us. We continue to support our outreach missions and ministries as best we can by sending in our pledges and donations to help keep the ship afloat.

We've had some pleasant surprises because of our change to online worship. Members who have moved away can now join us via Zoom or Facebook. I smile when I see Jill, Lyn, Paul and Rosanne, and Ken and Garie, just to name a few. Around twenty new friends have attended virtual Sunday worship, too.

To make giving more accessible to everyone during our off-site worship, the Stewardship Committee has worked with the Trustees to develop **The Virtual Offering Plate** which allows you to donate online by using a credit card. You can participate in the offering by going to the Zoom chat box during the postlude at the end of online worship to find the "Donate" link. Simply click on the link and you will be prompted with simple directions. You can also go directly to rockportucc.org/donate or find the link in Derek's email invitation to the Sunday worship services. Please do note that the church pays a small fee for online credit card donations, so mailing in a check is still the most cost-effective way to contribute. Please continue to mail in your contributions when possible.

We will probably hold on to some of the positive changes we have made during our forced Covid confinements, both at church and at home. Change can be good. We will also welcome a return to the old normal when we begin to gather in larger groups and celebrate birthdays and weddings and Sunday worship face to face. While my cat was away, I kept reminding myself that I didn't know what the outcome would be, that I don't know what God has in store for me each day, and I allowed for the possibility that my sweet little friend would return. You can imagine our shock, delight, gratitude, and giddy joy when we heard her familiar crying at our door on Wednesday morning. A little bit of normal had returned to my world. God's will be done.

Louisa Casadei-Johnson for the Stewardship Committee

Next meeting: June 11, 2020 6PM

The Membership Committee is continuing to offer a writing on one of twelve practices of faith in the United Church of Christ. This month, we offer the UCC's discussion of scripture. We hope that considering these will stimulate your thinking about your faith and the First Congregational Church of Rockport (FCCR). We invite you to read the following, whether you are new to the church or have been here a long time.

Practices of Faith

Marriage

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Foundation

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. John 2:1-2, 11

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. Song of Solomon 8:6-7

What is marriage?

Marriage is a time of public commitment between two individuals who wish to affirm their life together.

For people seeking to be married, a marriage service is a sign of hope, a fulfillment of desire, and one of the most special occasions in their lives. From the church's perspective, marriage is a gift of God, a sacred and holy covenant between two individuals that has its foundation in the faithfulness of God's love. The marriage ceremony is the time of celebration when two persons unite with the mutual exchange of covenant promises. The one who presides represents the church, prays for the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit, and invites the congregation to join in celebrating the union. Together they offer support and thanksgiving for the new family. The first story of Jesus' ministry told by John is of Jesus as a wedding guest, called upon by his mother to turn water into wine. Several of Jesus' parables are of people at a marriage ceremony or feast. Through these stories, Jesus and those who recorded his life showed the importance of marriage in their communities.

Weddings at the First Congregational Church of Rockport

Here at the First Congregational Church of Rockport we marry members, non-members and unite both heterosexual and same-sex couples. We offer a Christian wedding ceremony within the United Church of Christ tradition, including prayers, scripture and secular readings, a brief reflection and music. It is both a solemn and a joyful celebration as, before God and those gathered, you make your vows of love and faithfulness to each other.

The Ceremony

A Christian marriage ceremony is a service of worship to God. The one presiding will invite the couple to share in the planning and writing of their service. Family and friends of the couple may be invited to be part of the service by reading scripture, offering prayers, or in other ways. A marriage ceremony's validity is not how sumptuous or simple, but how authentic the commitment being pledged.

Planning with the Pastor

Those who seek to be married in a religious ceremony need to schedule the service by speaking with the pastor of the congregation or calling the church office before scheduling other events related to the marriage. The pastor works with a couple about schedules, policies, practices, fees and legal requirements, which vary from state to state. Most often if a church sanctuary is to be used, a clergy person within the congregation prepares the couple for marriage and presides at the ceremony. Other clergy should be invited to participate in the service only in consultation with, and at the invitation of, the presiding minister. Most often, the one who presides at the marriage meets with a couple three times before the ceremony. This is a time to talk about the Christian understanding of the marriage relationship and the couple's readiness to enter into the covenant. In these meetings, plans are also made for the actual ceremony.

Symbolism

A marriage ceremony is full of symbolism, both traditional and creative. Some things to think about in planning are:

Rings -- As circles, rings are symbols of God's encircling love and unending faithfulness. In the giving, receiving, and wearing of rings, couples are placing their love in that larger context of God's love.

Candles -- A flame symbolizes the presence of Christ among us, the one who came as the Light of the World. Often candles are used at weddings to symbolize the coming together of two people and the creating of a new life together. In that case, two candles

are lit in advance and then, after the vows are exchanged, a third candle is lit as a sign of the couple's unity and Christ's presence in their relationship.

Family -- Individuals come to marriage from a family of origin, and in marriage a new family is created. Symbols (lighting of candles), gestures (embrace, giving of a flower) or words (pledge of support) may recognize those relationships. Thought should be given to whether and how they are included. When a daughter requests a particular role for the one who accompanies her, the pastor sometimes asks, "Who presents this woman to this marriage?" and the response is, "I/We do."

Additional Considerations

Hymns and other music of joy, praise, and thanksgiving may be included in the service, and should be planned in consultation with the congregation's music leaders. A variety of styles, instruments, and voices can be considered, specific music should be chosen with consideration of its appropriateness for use in a religious service.

The marriage service is a historic service that has changed over time. Often, people want particular words, like "Plight thee my troth," that may be better understood in more familiar language so that people know just what they are promising. The United Church of Christ, in the Book of Worship, offers brides and grooms the phrase, "I give myself to you," rather than the more familiar, "I take you," believing that freely giving oneself is the essence of a marriage.

Communion is sometimes celebrated as part of the marriage ceremony. Thought should be given to the faith traditions of those who may be present that day and differences dealt with sensitively. In all aspects of the service, take into account local tradition, culture, and personal beliefs, while holding fast to the centrality of being married in the midst of a congregation of worshipers, seeking God's blessing and the support of family and friends.



Christian Education and Faith Formation

June 7th will be our end of the year virtual camp fire all teens and young adults welcome. 7pm via zoom! Contact Katie if you would like her to send you an invitation.

Katie Welch, Youth Director
 Welchkaitlyn9@gmailcom



Christian Outreach Committee



MEETING MINUTES May 17, 2020

PRESENT: Marge Schell, Bill Davis, Wendy Woodbury, Darlene Spittle, Stephen Kalaghan, Charlie Brackett, Ann Kistner, Rev. Derek Van Gulden

Rev. Van Gulden opened the virtual meeting at 11:43 with a prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The current balance as of April 30, 2020 is \$6,454.81 after total disbursements of \$2,525.00 for the month.

PASTOR'S FUND: Rev. Van Gulden reported that the account is adequate at this time.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: \$275.00 was disbursed from One Great Hour of Sharing.

EASTER OFFERING: The Easter Offering was \$720.00. The money was given to the Refugee Immigration Ministry.

NORTH SHORE PRIDE PARADE: The North Shore Pride Parade has been canceled. A virtual interfaith worship service and virtual parade will take place.

OPEN DOOR: Jay has been in contact with Ken Tabor to discuss our current ability to participate in Open Door meals preparation and serving. Our next service date is August 15. We will look for clarification as to what we will be able to do. This also includes the church's need to address obtaining Serve Safe Certification in order to prepare meals for the center. This will include determining how to obtain the certification, who should be certified, as well as the cost of doing so. Additionally, we may choose to find a different location for food preparation. Kathleen Morgan has offered the use of Saviour Wine and Cheese as a possible location.

FAMILY PROMISE: We have sent \$400.00 to Family Promise for food purchases for current guests, as well as for food gift card purchases for graduated families. Our next possible host week is October 11-18. Rev. Van Gulden discussed the UCC Conference offering guidelines toward the future reopening of in-person church services, as well as our waiting for guidance from the Governor, which will determine our resumed church services and Family Promise hosting ability.

ROCKPORT HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS: Outreach awards three \$500.00 scholarships to Rockport High School graduates. This year the recipients were determined by High School staff members.

ACTION LUNCHESES: We have sent \$50.00 to Action for meals for the guests who are currently staying at the YMCA. Our next opportunity for preparing meals will be in July. We will then determine if we are preparing meals or giving a monetary contribution.

REFUGEE IMMIGRATION MINISTRY WALK: The RIM walk has been canceled. It will take place virtually on June 21st. Rev. Van Gulden suggested the use of Power Church email as a means of virtually recruiting individuals for the walk. Weekly Church Events Via Zoom

MISSION MOMENT: Rev. Van Gulden would like to have a committee member give a brief Mission Moment during our virtual church services in order to highlight the continued projects that are ongoing by the committee.

DEN MAR STAFF SUPPORT: The committee was informed of the possibility of finding ways to support the staff at Den Mar during this time of the Covid outbreak. Regina and Wendy have begun to address this.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 pm.

Next meeting: June 14, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kistner

WEEKLY ZOOM EVENTS**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
STORY TELLING****3:00 p.m.****WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
BIBLE STUDY****5:00 p.m.****THURSDAY MORNING
BOOK GROUP****10:00 a.m.****FRIDAY AFTERNOON
PRAYER SERVICE****5:00 p.m.****SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
LIVE VIA ZOOM AND FACEBOOK****10:00 A.M.**

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