

## ***Church of the Good Shepherd, Nashua, NH***

The Vestry meeting of the Church of The Good Shepherd, Nashua, NH took place on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am via Zoom. In attendance were: The Rev. Mike Greene, Rector; Rev. Greg Baker, Curate; Nancy Meyer, Deacon; Sue Corman, Sr. Warden; Sandy Desharnais, Jr. Warden; Chris Chadbourne, Treasurer; Richard Binder, Amy Cooley, Beth Derderian, Aurora Flores-Reisman, Howard Titus, Dave Insley, Jennifer Atherton, Lisa Macaraeg, Maureen LeGallo, Paige Schaller, Marybeth Snow, and Don Yelton. Absent was Susan Nutting, Clerk.

The first order of business was to accept the minutes of the February meeting as written. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Sue Corman and seconded by Howard Titus. With no edits raised, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

Pastor Mike discussed Holy Week and the Easter schedule. Also, Pastor Mike discussed future opportunities for outdoor and in-person (can you believe it?) worship. There will be limited in person service on Palm Sunday along with Zoom; as well as outdoor blessing and distribution of palms.

- On Maundy Thursday, there will be an Agape meal online – with Fred Manheck creating catered lamb supper meals to be delivered to homes that have ordered them (delivery before 5pm).
- On Good Friday, there will be an outdoor Stations of the Cross, and sign ups for this event will be provided (with limited slots available). As an aside, it was noted that outdoor worship is a great community connection (community connection was a theme of the morning's Vestry retreat).
- On Holy Saturday there will be a bonfire service (a la Duraflame!).
- Easter Day will include Morning Prayer. The County Courthouse (now owned by Pennichuck Water Works) has been reserved for drive-in, in-person fellowship (Pastor Mike referenced the Road to Emmaus).

The Vestry then moved to formal discussions about the return to in-person worship. Wow! The [www.covidactnow.org](http://www.covidactnow.org) site was referenced, and that we “have a plan and are ready to act once #'s are in line.”

### **New Business:**

There was discussion about new committee work that was forming or already in progress.

The Communications/Website discussion centered around the need for tech savvy and creative people to foster changes to the site and for an effective redesign. Sue Corman recommended that all the vestry look at the existing site and provide a page of notes of issues, opportunities, and “still good” commentary that can be used for the upgrade. Many sets of eyes can be helpful.

The Mutual Ministry Review was also discussed. This was for the most part tabled in 2020. Now we have the books and resources to discuss with the congregation. We need to determine how to get feedback from the congregation. What is important, and what is not? If we could have four to six parishioners and the clergy together to brainstorm it would be helpful.

Lastly, the need for structured Finance and Endowment Committee was discussed. Many questions about the endowment were raised in the Annual Meeting, and given its recent strength and recovery, it is vital that we retain solid stewardship of this cornerstone to our finances.

After completion of this new business, the meeting was closed with a prayer at 12:35pm.

Respectfully,

Chris Chadbourne, Treasurer of the Vestry *(filling in for Susan Nutting, Clerk of the Vestry)*