

Annual Meeting Minister Report

May 17, 2020

Rev. Laura Bennett

With Divine Guidance, Infinite Love, and faith in One Presence and Source of all good, we are moving through the current time of challenge in our society with tremendous grace. This has taken a lot of hard work on the part of our Staff, Board, Leaders, and Volunteers, as well as the generosity of your gifts and participation in our online activities - all of which are reflected in the Annual Meeting Reports. Thank You!

We are working on a safe re-opening plan for June, the date of which will be shared the week of May 25th. In creating this plan, we will consider input from our Reopening Survey as well as guidelines from our State and Local Governments, our Insurance Company, and recommendations from the CDC and scientific communities.

As we open our doors once again many Livestream and Zoom activities will be hybrid along with onsite attendance. In the meantime, below is a revision of the April report to the congregation to reflect our current status and activities.

Building and Grounds

- In accordance with the PPP Loan from the government, all Staff hours have been restored where safe and possible.
- Our Facilities Manager, William Patterson, is now mowing our lawn as part of his hours. He also informs me that our Promenade Fountain is up and running again! Thank you to each one whose efforts have provided a peaceful outdoor promenade and garden space to our community.
- We are organizing ways to keep things clean for our Sunday Service when we re-open. In the meantime, we wipe down everything that is used every time it is used in our offices and other areas.

Facebook Livestream

- 11 am Sunday Services will continue after we open to onsite attendance.
- 8 am Daily Prayers with Rev. Laura will continue beyond the Lovelight Novena
- Wednesday Noon Meditation is continuing online until further notice
- At present, our July and August Sizzling Summer is scheduled to be a hybrid of in person and Livestream activity, though this may change.
- The format for other Special Events and Service on our calendar will be announced as the time gets closer, including our Sunday evening Spiritual Gathering Service.

Zoom

- Sunday Fellowship following the 11 am Service will continue on Zoom until further notice.
- A Spiritual Practice Gathering Service is scheduled via Zoom and will be a hybrid online and in person format as soon as we can do that safely.
- See Education report for weekly Groups and Classes.
- We had a successful Fund-Raising Dinner for the Chesterfield Foodbank on May 8th. Final income figures will be posted soon as well as details of a Fund-Raising Dinner in June.

Prayer and Counseling

- Quick Response Prayer Chaplain Services via voicemail on the church phone will continue until further notice
- Counseling Services of Revs. Laura or Valorie via email or voicemail request.