Zoom meeting – March 19, 2020

Homestead Presbytery – Faith, not fear

On the call: (if not listed and you were there, notify the Presbytery Office –

notetaker did the best she could without sign in)

Martha Atkins Mary Belle Avery

Sue Babovec Teresa Bartlett

Alan Brehm Suzanne Byler

Sue Coller Ellen Davis

Owen Derrick John Duling

Stephen Earl Dennis Hett

Doug Hileman Kristine Hileman

Michael Hill Jane Holtzclaw

Julie Hopp Mark Hopp

Barb Kudera Leanne Masters

Raymond Meester Karen Mortiz

Steve Niles Tom Osborn

Steve Piper Charity Potter

James Splitt Kathleen Splitt

Margaret Sprague Doug S – Fremont Personnel Comm.

Wendy Wait Heidi Wallace

Jeff Warrick Zachary Wolfe

Ed Yang

\*Time opened with prayer by Steve Earl

\*Steve Earl explained this was “time to check in with one another – asked “what is happening? What are you doing?”

\*Martha Adkins reported still figuring it out. Taking the program to those without internet or cell. Using email and/or delivering of bulletin – going to stream service at least through Easter as Lutheran denomination has told her to plan on doing

\*Ellen David reported all discussion is happening via email – she has prepared a discussion guide and shared it with those doing Bible Study

\*Charity Potter reported doing worship on Facebook live – also emailing to those without that capability – has added the good folk of Bancroft to her sharing of worship material – looking for ways to reach out to kids, especially those under 12 years of age

\*Doug – chair of Fremont Personnel (as Pastor Jon is out of town until Tuesday of next week) reported that Youth Club had activities emailed to them and posted on Facebook with specific things to do in response – and these were acknowledged to all – sermon filmed in sanctuary with only the pastor (pulpit supply) and A/V person in sanctuary

\*Sue Coller reported they are recording the service on Friday and posting it to Facebook, you tube and live stream. They are doing Bible Study by Zoom, a prayer service on Facebook and have opened their building to all AA groups in the Lincoln area – still asking them to observe 10 people/room request

A question was asked by the group about Zoom

+Sue C. reported it costs $15/month to host – and PRO version is ideal

+Ray Meester indicated there is a free version – but you can not have anything longer than 40 minutes at a time

+Alan Brehm said he found a nice discount via paying by an annual fee.

+Doug suggested typing “good old fashioned skype”

\*Alan Brehm reported he is trying a mid week group using some ideas from past Moderator Bruce Reyes Chow – and Zoom worship on Sunday with a liturgist and individual singing of hymns. He also suggested that in his opinion if one has “done due diligence” to satisfy copyright concerns “if people want to go after us – go for it.” (To which Sue Coller suggested that we need to model behavior – even in times of crisis and referred people to One License.)

\*John Duling reported not doing communion to shut-ins at this time. He is calling and offering prayers of encouragement and also sending out prayers out via email. And he continues to seek other ways to connect.

\*Zac Wolfe reported prerecording segments and posting to youtube – he is encouraging others to record parts of the service in this manner, send to him and he will combine them and post. He said some members are offering original writings and music. And suggested it would be possible to link all resources for others to use and post on google documents so any one can upload to it. He said that they are printing off material and putting it in outside mailboxes at the church for people to pick up. They are emailing to those they can. The youth leader has recorded and emailed lessons to the youth and they are mailing coloring pages and Kid’s Lessons to younger children.

\*Wendy Wait reported that they are a small church and she thinks they can have 10 people in the basement where they can watch the service from upstairs on a television and have 10 in the sanctuary and so fulfill the need to have only 10 people in a room. She also said that she has called and visited the elderly and is sending “thinking of you” cards to several people

\*Sue Babovec encouraged individuals to think through the need to “do it the same way as usual” by looking at ways to get around the request of 10/room and think beyond the moment, saying “it only takes one person with the virus to infect many others. Perhaps this is our time to reflect on the reality that God can be worshipped in many ways besides sitting in the sanctuary with others on Sunday morning!”

\*Teresa Bartlett reported mailing material to others and posting things on Facebook. She reports still figuring out the music.

\*Sue Coller referred everyone to Anchor Pod cast as another resource

\*Karen Mortiz reported following the Lecto Divino and some newsletter items being put on various technology means. She is thinking perhaps 10 people at a time could receive communion and hopes to use her puppets to record or make videos for the young kids in the congregation she serves

\*Mike Hill reported pre-recorded works best and wondered what ideas people were thinking about for Easter

+Ray M mentioned that GA has announced it will broadcast Easter Service from the national chapel in Louisville at PCUSA headquarters

+Sue C said they are pulling old recordings of Easter music and adding new sermon and scripture to their postings

+Doug Hileman says they are postponing (not cancelling) Palm Sunday and Easter until they can worship together

+Charity P said she will use an Easter theme but the celebration of New Life will be a big event the first week everyone can worship together

+Alan said they would share together on Zoom

+Christine Hileman suggested worshipping in cars in the parking lot

+Doug Hileman added using an FM transmitter to be heard to Christine’s idea

\*Steve Niles reported that he had conducted a funeral this week. In keeping with the “10 people in a room” rule the challenges were many. The mortician had ideas which they followed. Most of the service was “family only.”

As the hour was nearing an end, Steve asked for any last thoughts:

+Ray M reports the plans are to have the May Presbytery Meeting by Zoom – but there will need to be a minimal meeting prior to that to authorize such, as the by-laws of the presbytery do not allow for electronic meetings at this time

+Kathleen Splitt asked if there is money to help churches pay for postage and other expenses due to this situation. Sue B. said she would check into that.

+Jim Splitt reminded people to beware of scams in this time

John Duling closed the meeting with prayer.

The next Zoom meeting will be at 1PM on Tuesday, March 24th.

(Note to readers: please forgive any omissions/errors in these notes. I did the best I could with all the discussion and am happy to have others add as they recall if it makes a difference in the intent. Thank you – and hopefully, someone else will agree to take notes next time! Sue Babovec)