

Witness Commission: March 6, 2023  
7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Present: Jim Hollinger, Naomi Kraenbring, Sandy Flanagan, Karen Ungemach, and Sandy Brubaker.

1. Elizabethtown Area Communities that care: Gail Viscome did not join us at the meeting, so we will invite her to come next month.
2. We are planning on working with Nurture to try to bring John Pavlovitz to our church. So far, Gina Strouse, Jim H. and Amy Karr, and Karen are working on it.
3. Swords into Plowshares, Ecumenical Advocacy Days: April 25-27. This is a virtual conference to worship, educate, and advocate for the innovative and courageous policies needed to realize God's promise of peace. Sue Wagner Fields has signed up. Karen will contact Crystal to publicize it for us.
4. Review of "Service Sunday"/seemed to go well. About 100 attended. Active participation in letter writing, packing "to go" bags, and some discussion initiated about the border crisis.
5. Up date on Chicken Bar-B-Que/ Kitchen oven is not working. So we decided to have the man who does the chicken to also make the potatoes. It would be about \$.70 per potato. Sandy would also like to get a larger sign to advertise the event. We think we can contribute \$2500 toward the expenses, which will allow a greater donation to Haiti and Nigeria.
6. Discussed the listings under Witness for the directory.
7. Climate change committee/ plan to show a film with discussion following on Sunday, April 2nd, 2-4 pm at the church, "Planet Local: A Quiet Revolution" They are also planning to be at Earth Day, and are looking for help with the fairground booth, or just stopping by and encouraging them. Pastor Jason is planning to have the youth help at the Earth Day clean up. The booth doesn't cost anything, but they may need to purchase materials and borrow the church banner.

8. We got an email from the Lancaster Pride group, that they will be hosting their event on June 17, 2023 at the Lancaster Convention Center. We will decide at a later meeting as to how we will participate.
  
9. Next meeting: April 3, 2023, 7:00. Zoom

Submitted by Karen Ungemach/Chair.