

Nurture Commission Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2023 @7PM via Zoom

1. Present– **Lois Herr** (Co-Chair), **Gina Strouse** (Co-Chair), **Ellen Flury**, **Allison Mattern**

2. Faith Markers–
 - a. Third graders and fourth graders will receive their Bibles this fall.
 - b. Pastor Jason is certain that he or Pastor Naomi will be able to present the Bibles during worship.
 - c. September will be a good month for the presentations. **September 17th** is the tentative plan. **Pastor Jason** will finalize the date.
 - d. **Pastor Jason** sent the appropriate list(s) from Crystal for families for **Ally** to contact.

3. Church picnic– **August 27, 2023**
 - a. Sunday after church worship service. It's the week before Labor Day, and school will already have been in session for a few days. Rain plans? Another date? **Pastor Jason** will finalize the date and alternate.
 - b. We need to add some information to the slide. **Ellen** will email Crystal and Pastor Jason about what details should be added, such as what people should bring.
 - c. Nurture needs to pay for the meat to be grilled. **Pastor Jason** has people lined up to do the grilling. **Who is purchasing the meat and rolls? Is Pastor Jason handling that?**
 - d. **Do we need condiments, such as mustard and ketchup?**
 - e. We will ask for people to bring a potluck side dish or dessert, their own place setting with napkins, and lawn chairs. They would be welcome to bring games, also, if they want to.
 - f. Drinks–Does the church have a water dispenser we could set up? We will fill another dispenser with powdered drink mix. **Ally** has volunteered to purchase the drink mix and be in charge of drinks that day. **Ally** will contact **Pastor Jason** about the dispensers and possible cups.
 - g. We will need to set up tables outside. We think we will need four tables (two side-by-side), end to end, for dual food lines and another table for drinks. We should also set up several tables for people to sit at for eating. **Ally** will estimate how many tables we need that day. **Ally** will ask the youth to set up the tables during worship, and she will also ask some adults to help. **Ally** will also ask adults that day to help with cleanup and

takedown. **Lois**, **Gina**, and **Ellen** will each ask an adult to be there to help with the takedown.

- h. **Ally** and **Pastor Jason** will bring outside games. **Pastor Jason** is willing to set up karaoke if we want it, but we are thinking that might distract from the interaction we are hoping for.
4. John Pavlovitz weekend—**October 20-22, 2023**— Ann Garber is willing to lead a book discussion on *A Bigger Table* in weeks prior to the weekend. Gina is waiting for Ann to give her dates for the book study.
 5. We discussed the conduits from the budget question from Kendra.
 6. The next Nurture Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, **August 16, 2023**, via Zoom. (Both Ally and Ellen will be unavailable for that meeting. Note that someone will need to take minutes.)

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Flury