

## NURTURE COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY – MARCH 19, 2024

Attending: Rose Baer, Liz Bidgood Enders, Lois Herr, Pat Hoffer, Liz Landis

At this meeting, the commission built a year's plan of activities, incorporating Nurture-originated events as well as the activities of Prime Time and the work done in cooperation with the Witness Commission and with other church teams. All of these groups have small memberships but together we are able to accomplish a lot.

A significant new effort – the working group on LGBTQIA+ - falls under Nurture organizationally but is a separate group convened by Pastor Naomi and a group of individuals from Witness, Nurture, and other folks in the church and wider community. Recent events in Lancaster have raised the visibility of issues related to gender identity and the opportunity for a faith-based approach.

In addition to Nurture's on-going activities, we have specific events planned for each of the coming seasons. For example, SPRING includes roller skating, and Prime Time, led by Gina Strouse, has its own list of events including Guess Who's Coming to Dinner and a bird walk.

The highlight for SUMMER will be an August 25th Church Picnic.

Ideas for FALL are still being developed – service projects, a blessing of the animals, and joint efforts with Witness such as the Kingian Non-Violence weekend as well as with the Racial Justice Group. Prime Time is working on another Lunch and Learn as well as a project for understanding other faith traditions.

In WINTER there may be game nights, fellowship/story nights, cards to shut-ins, and maybe even caroling.

Even more is on the “other possibilities” list as we try to find opportunities to nurture our congregation and encourage personal growth. We welcome ideas (and volunteers) from others in our faith community.