

Nurture Commission Minutes

January 27, 2019 11:30 am in the Parlor

Attendance: Beth Dreyer-DeGoede, Ellen Flury, Rhonda Myers, Jason Haldeman, Manny Williams & Lisa Rosenberger

1. 2019 Appointments - only unfilled appointment is Child Care Coordinator. Commission decided to leave as is and child care issues can be addressed on a case by case event. If childcare is needed for an event, that event group will contact the church office and request volunteers from the list to coordinate for that instance only.
2. Nurture Commission Job Description: from the Nurture Handbook “Nurture Commission has responsibility for the inner mission of the church. The commission shall be responsible for providing experiences that enable persons of all ages to develop faith and grow in Christlikeness as disciples. The Commission shall assume responsibility for opportunities that strengthen the body of Christ by building and nurturing friendships and relationships.” – Beth will update this paragraph above and add our programs and events that we are responsible for throughout the year.
3. Rank our programs: (We decided to keep all programs current and all are of equal importance at this time with the exception of Faith Markers.)
 - Faith Markers (Blessing of Children, 3rd Grade, 5th Grade, Seniors)- agreed that Faith Markers could be moved over to the Christian Ed Commission, if they are willing to take them on and removed them from Nurture.
 - Lent
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - Camp Swatara Weekend
 - Church Picnic
 - Golden Age Dinner
 - Chili Supper and Caroling
 - Appointments
4. Lent plans-

The singing of distinctive and much-repeated prayer chants during candlelit prayer services is one of its trademarks. **Taizé** music highlights simple phrases, usually lines from the Psalms or other pieces of scripture, repeated or sung in canon. The repetition is designed to help meditation and prayer. Aug 10, 2009

BBC - Religions - Christianity: Taizé

www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/priests/taize_1.shtml



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Jason shared we will have Taize Services starting at 6:30pm on Sunday evenings from 3/17-4/7 (4 Sundays of Lent)- Topics: Longing/ Presence/ Perseverance/ Praise
Held in the sanctuary with a 40 min. adult only, meditative and reverent service with prayer, singing, blessings and poetry.

Move to fellowship hall after service for dessert and coffee, networking time. Attendees of service will be asked to bring a dessert to share, if they so choose. Not sure if childcare can be or will be provided during the service. Need to clarify this.

5. Review calendar, pick dates for the following:
 - **8/25/2019**-Church Picnic (normally the last Sunday in August, just before the school year begins)
 - **10/27/2019**-Golden Age Dinner (normally the last Sunday in October, unless it is the Fifth Sunday, then it moves one week earlier) -- notify Youth Ministry Team (YMT), and any other persons assisting with food preparation, centerpieces, invitations, and/or transportation (notifying them of date, not requiring a commitment at this point)
 - **12/15/2019**-Chili Supper & Caroling event (normally the Sunday before Christmas) -- after date is reserved; contact YMT to make sure it is on their calendar
 - Contact Pastors for dates for Faith Markers (Blessing of the Children - usually Mother's day; third grade - usually Sunday after Labor day; fifth grade - usually first Sunday in June; high school graduates - usually **5/19/2019**-Youth Sunday in May)
 - **6/15-16/2019**-Camp Swatara Family Camp weekend - usually Father's Day weekend

6. Next meeting is Feb. 24 after church in the Parlor

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Rosenberger