

Nurture Commission Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2020 @7PM via Zoom

1. Present: **Beth DeGoede** (Chair), **Glenn Book**, **Ellen Flury**, **Trina Hollinger**, **Pastor Pam**, **Kris Strayer**. (Names are color-coded for tasks listed below that we each need to do as follow-up.)
2. Beth asked everyone how we are all doing. Everyone seems to be progressing well, facing the challenges of the pandemic in a variety of ways.
3. Update on Nurture Commission members: **Pastor Pam** is going to check with the church office for verification as to when members are finished their appointments.
 - a. Olivia Knight will be joining the Commission as a 3-year member in January 2021. We will make sure to continue a Zoom option so that Olivia can attend.
 - b. Kris Strayer will be ending her 1-year appointment this December. Thank you for all you have brought to the group and done for the commission!
 - c. Trina Hollinger had been asked to transition from a 1-year appointment to a 3-year appointment and had declined. Beth invited her to take on an additional 1-year appointment, and **Trina** is considering that offer. In the meantime, thank you, Trina, for all of your ideas and your service to the Nurture Commission this year!
 - d. Ellen Flury--There is some question as to whether she is slated to continue or is finished this December or is up for "renewal." **Pastor Pam** will investigate.
 - e. Beth and Lisa each have one year left of their second 3-year terms.
 - f. Glenn has two years left of his first 3-year term.
4. Faith Markers--We will be delivering books with Blessing Bookmarks to the children's homes. Pastor Pam has ordered the books: Desmond Tutu book for four-year-olds, *Meanest Man* book for sixth graders, blue Bibles for third graders. Beth sent us the lists of children in a recent email. **Pastor Pam** will review the lists with the office for accuracy.
 - a. **Beth** will contact **Lisa** to ask about her creating another slide presentation for an upcoming church service. This presentation would show the photos and names of each of the recipients of the Blessing Books.
 - b. For the bookmark blessings, **Pastor Pam** will contact the other Pastors and write a blessing for each group: four-year-olds, sixth graders, and third graders. **Pastor Pam** will send the blessings to Kris. We should allow about a week for this to be completed.
 - c. **Pastor Pam** and the other pastors will write a note in each book.
 - d. **Kris** will use her artistic creativity to design and construct colorful Blessing Bookmarks that display the blessing from the pastors for each age group. **Kris** will take the completed bookmarks to Glenn.
 - e. **Glenn** will laminate the Blessing Bookmarks and take them to the church (except for the ones he will be delivering). He will pick the books for his group.

- f. **Pastor Pam** will contact Trina, Beth, and Ellen when the books and bookmarks are ready to pick up at the church. **Trina**, **Beth**, and **Ellen** will pick up the books for their groups.
 - g. **Glenn** will contact the 6 families of the four-year-olds to set up a time to deliver the Blessing Books and will deliver them. He will take a photo of each child with his/her book.
 - h. **Trina** will contact the 4 families of the sixth graders to set up a time to deliver the Blessing Books and will deliver them. (Matt Higgins is no longer on the list.) She will take a photo of each child with his/her book.
 - i. **Ellen** and **Beth** will contact the 10 families of the third graders to set up a time to deliver the Blessing Books and will deliver them. They will take a photo of each child with his/her book. **Beth** and **Ellen** will figure out how to divide the responsibilities.
 - j. **Glenn**, **Trina**, **Ellen**, and **Beth** will send the photos to **Lisa** for inclusion in the slide show.
5. In the weeks prior to the Christmas Eve service, people will be invited to drive through the portico to pick up the candles and cups for the service. The Nurture Commission may deliver the candles and cups to those in need of help with that. We will figure out the details at our next meeting.
 6. Other avenues for connecting--We discussed a variety of ideas and decided that a good one to consider for further discussion is sending out some kind of greeting cards after the holidays. Pastor Pam mentioned that we would need a cost proposal before any major expenditures.
 7. Our next meeting is planned for November 25th at 7PM via Zoom. Note that this is the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving Day, so it may be subject to change.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Flury