

Family Life Mission Team

April 2020 - Report to Council

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No recommendations to council.

Current online offerings: Creating online program offerings was a goal for this year. It has become much more important than we initially expected! We continue to reevaluate these to determine what will be offered on a month-by-month basis. There are a number of groups meeting but the following is a list of programming that Family Life is facilitating for online consumption:

1. Faith Journey. Mon at 7:15 PM. This series is done in conjunction with Christian Education. Faith Journeys will take place on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.
2. MSLC Talks! Tues at 7:15 PM. We have discussed using MSLC Talks as a vehicle of conversation about a variety of subjects -- returning to worship, faith/family/worship, God's Work Our Hands, etc. For at least the next month, MSLC Talks will continue on a weekly basis.
3. Women Wednesday. Wed at 7:15 PM. Women Wednesdays will move to the 2nd Wednesday of every month.
4. Labyrinth Meditations. Sat 9 AM. With the Labyrinth Mission Team, we will attempt to offer these on a monthly basis.
5. Staff Offerings: Hymn Study with Ed Tompkins (Thurs at 7:15 PM), Coffee with PJ (10 AM on Thurs), youth meetings with Brittany Perry, Faith Formation (and various youth/parent meetings) with Deacon Wendy. We will continue to assist the staff as needed with these offerings.

Church Mouse Program: Brooke Swartz is taking the lead in communication and organization. Five 'mice' have been identified and matched with five parties in need of a bit of a 'pick-me-up'. These pairing are anonymous and will not appear in the minutes or council reports.

MSLC Parade of Love: We discussed the success of the parade (which did not appear in the report last month to keep it a surprise from staff) and discussed continuing it on a yearly basis with some tweaks for when social distancing is not necessary.

Summer Packs: There has been some preliminary discussions about creating summer packs for the youth which would be picked up from the church. This might be something we could do in connection with Christian Education (as a chance to say goodbye to Faith Formation teachers for the year). We are in discussion with Deacon Wendy about this and will need to see if we can get a budget for it.

High School Seniors: We are gathering gift cards for the graduating high school seniors. Katie Perry is the point of contact for this. We will work with the Youth Team and staff to distribute these.

Missed Milestones: We have so far missed three milestones -- new driver, Bible, and graduation. See above for the plan for graduation. We will discuss with staff reaching out to the parents' of new drivers to see if a couple members of the team can swing by for a 'porch blessing'. We also discussed doing something similar for the Bible milestones or perhaps doing a pick-up at the church during the summer pack pick-up

Meetings: We met May 17th via Zoom and will be planning to meet again via Zoom next month. It was decided that our meetings will continue via Zoom at least through the summer.