

## **Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Bluemont, Virginia - Meeting Notes**

**Subject:** Virtual Vestry Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, May 20, 2021

**Attendees:** Rev. Debbie Rutter, Cindy Ingram, Tim Hall, Judy Hall, and Josette Keelor

**Start time:** Began at 6:35 p.m. with a prayer

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### **Financial report**

Tim spoke of concerns about pledge totals for the year. We'll have expenses in the building account for electrical work. We've already paid to fix the furnace, which should happen early in June.

### **Covenant for 2021**

Our covenant – our promise to the Diocese of how we'll use their offering toward a yearly outreach project – needs to be finalized for 2021. Because our intentions for giving to FISH last year didn't work out as planned, we discussed ways to focus more intentionally on the Pine Grove community, through our Christmas tins and other ways. Cindy suggested promoting our downstairs area for people with disabilities who can more easily attend on a ground-level floor with easy access to the restrooms. We could expand Zoom there and maybe also provide the host during Communion. Tim suggested adding info about it to our website, and Debbie suggested that the covenant include how COVID has inspired ways we can be more accessible to those with disabilities. Other suggestions included:

- Knocking on doors to ask what people like/want
- Memorial Day event
- July 4<sup>th</sup> event, such as handing out flags, having a picnic or ice cream social with bluegrass music and partnering with Bluemont Methodist Church
- Adding info from community businesses to our Christmas tins
- Adding our Easter season donations for the Church of Jerusalem to our covenant

### **Lifting of Restrictions**

We can end restrictions as of May 28, but Tim suggested as of Pentecost for people fully vaccinated. Though we were planning to be outside, we'll be inside instead because of heat and cicadas. We'll have coffee and cupcakes.

Closed with a compline prayer