

Christian Education Committee 2020 Report

Committee Memebers: Amanda Weeder, Marcene Wurdeman, Cindy Hoadley, Lori Rine, Doris Augspurgen, Jan Pickrel, Renee Norris – Governing Council Rep, Staff: Pastor Edward Yang and Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director.

The Christian Education Committee met each month in person or by Zoom. There were two joint meetings with the Youth Ministry committee in 2020.

Events in 2020:

Unfortunately, due to COVID, many of the committee's events had to be cancelled. However, there was a Children's Sabbath service held, bibles were given to 3 year olds and 3rd grade students, confirmation was on October 4th and a virtual Christmas program that was presented during church and was also available online at the December 3rd and the December 6th service.

Many of the committees programing including the nursery, adult education, bible study and puppet ministry were suspended beginning in March and through the rest of the year. Vacation Bible Camp was cancelled for 2020.

The Christian Education committee thank all that have been so patient and willing to support the church during this difficult time adjusting to regulations and safety procedures that COVID has faced us with. Brenda Sand has done an outstanding job as Christian Education Director. She has prayerfully implemented ways through the pandemic to keep families connected to Federated Church and since September has had social distance Sunday school programing in place. Thank you Brenda for all you have done to keep Christian Education an important part of our church life.

Looking forward into 2021:

Youth Ministry and Christian Education will have a joint meeting early in 2021. The two committees will need to evaluate and plan for the new year taking into consideration the status of the pandemic. Safety will need to be priority and activities considered will have to be adjusted to be sure all safety procedures are followed and guidelines adhered to.

Also, it has come to this committee's attention that a new curriculum will most likely be sought after for our Sunday school program. Brenda will keep us informed of any new decisions that will be made concerning curriculum.

The annual budget for Christian Education was also reviewed. There should be money left from the previous year to cover any costs for materials that may be needed for the upcoming year.

This has been a most interesting and disheartening year. Although many of this committee's plans were put on hold or cancelled I feel we have come to understand more clear the importance of what it means to be a Church Family. We all look forward to reuniting even though it may look different.

Blessing and Peace

Renee Norris – Governing Council Representative and Christian Education Chairman