

## MCCC Board Report - Pastor's Report - October 2020

I would like to use my report this month to celebrate the gift of the Drive-in Worship at Derthick's Farm. About a month ago, MaryEllen reached out to me about coming up to the farm for worship. She envisioned a tractor, hay wagon, and some speakers--all we needed was the DJ. Turns out Dean Spencer is a dedicated worker at Derthick's Corn Maze and had his own DJ side business. The Derthick's opened up the farm and Dean has donated his time and equipment to make worship happen on Sunday mornings--their generosity and flexibility have been overwhelming. If not for their efforts, we would not have been able to gather in this unique and meaningful way!

So far we've had 4 services and about 30-40 cars each. Outside of the first Sunday's cancelation, the weather has been good and it's been so great to see one another. We've had special music and messages from the Stewardship and Finance Team. Worship Team members (Sandi and Katie) decorated the wagon last week. More ideas and energy are flowing in from the team to see what we can do to enhance the experience. We have a team of people led by Dave & Pam Auble to welcome people and get cars parked. It has been a team effort and I'm so grateful to the Derthick's, DJ, Sarah Smith, the Worship Team and everyone who has volunteered to make this happen! God is good!

### **Some anecdotes to share**

- We will continue putting our worship services on **YouTube**. With the addition of the Sunday Drive-Ins there may be some changes to the format, but online worship is here to stay in some way shape or form.
- Worship Team has been working with the **Stream Team** to see how we can connect a FM transmitter to the church sound system and be able to do Drive-in worship services at MCCC. Many thanks to Jon Secaur and Carol Magyarics for putting a lot of work into that.
- The **Anti-Racism Book Study** is about to come to a close, but the core group who has stayed with it are a reflective and passionate bunch. I have been greatly blessed by our journey through the book.
- I will continue to offer **Get Centered** devotional on YouTube.
- It has been very difficult doing **pastoral care** in the midst of the pandemic. It is so hard not to be physically with people and be able to visit in difficult times. We have found safe ways to do so, but it is a great challenge for ministry during COVID.

### **Looking forward...**

- All Saints Sunday is coming up and we've asked Steve Hurd to offer the sermon time. Very much looking forward to what he has planned!
- Planning for Advent with the Worship Team. Lots of ideas and we'll see where God takes us!

Yours in Christ's Service,  
Rev. Chad Delaney