

Waterford Mennonite Church | April 26, 2020

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## Update From Worship Ministry Team

Two weeks ago, Worship Ministry Team asked you to complete a survey as part of our effort to hear about your initial experiences with worship services accessed by live streaming or through the church Facebook group. We wanted this information to help shape how we offer a worship experience while not physically together. We are pleased that 112 of you chose to complete the survey. We have found the information affirming and directional in our current situation. Here is a summary of the responses.

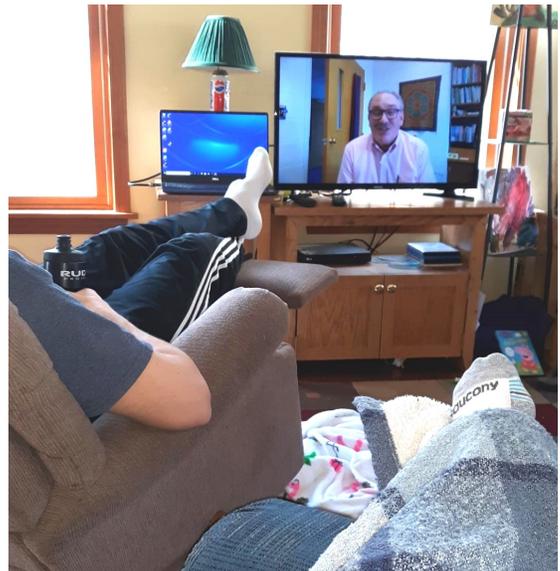
Of all those who completed the survey, almost everyone (99%) has used live streaming or Facebook to connect to Sunday's worship, and most said that their ability to connect was easy. The vast majority (75%) found our Sunday services to be reflective and challenging, and we were relieved to find no one said they were boring and unhelpful. It appears that the sense of connection with the church has remained good for most individuals (87% said the same or better), and persons are staying connected with their Sunday school classes and church friends in various ways. There appears to be an active involvement in the worship service with persons using the online resources, singing, following along with their Bibles, etc.

Additional comments were helpful. Our resident technician, Shawn Stutzman, has already worked with transmission levels to help households live stream more easily, and, thanks to the many persons who have recorded music and sent it to the church, we are now able to offer prelude and postlude music from the congregation that ties in with each week's worship theme. There are also persons on call who are willing to record hymns for use in a service, so we can sing along.

During these difficult times we will continue to work at offering worship services that support, strengthen, and challenge the spiritual growth of our church community. We look forward to the day when we can once again meet in the sanctuary together as people of faith. We will continue to follow CDC guidelines which means that we will not meet in person until at least June. However, as we anticipate eventually meeting together again, the Worship Ministry Team is already at work laying out plans for how that might look. As always, your safety and health are as important to us as your spiritual wellbeing.

If you have further comments or questions about the survey or about worship, please feel free to contact myself or a member of the Worship Ministry Team. As always, we appreciate your feedback.

— Loanne Harms, lay partner, Worship Ministry Team; Members: Cindy Voth, pastor, J.D. Smucker, Veronica Berkey, Jerry Landes, Jeremy Kauffman



During this time when we are not able to gather in church, WMC members have taken to watching the latest new TV preachers on Sunday mornings.

All photos lifted from the WMC group Facebook page. Thanks to all of you for sharing your art work!



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# Bright Sunday



During Bright Sunday worship, children and adults made rainbow art to bring people hope and joy during this time of fear and sadness.

**Clockwise from top:**  
**Katie Misz**  
**Michelle, Daphcar & Bervallie Lehman;**  
**Jude & Luke Wiens;**  
**Brianna Moser**  
**The Daniels family**  
**Lena Claassen**  
**Hannah Claassen**  
**Sheila Moser**



## Thank you

Church Family,  
Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers on my 91st birthday. I surely miss coming to church and the fellowship with my Waterford friends. Blessings to each of you.

— Joan Walsh