

MMR, 2020 results

We had 51 returns of the 2020 MMR. Here are the results:

46 people have been able to watch the Eucharist on Facebook. Unfortunately, I think that some people have the impression that they must be Facebook members to have access.

Most of those watching found the services to be very meaningful
And looked forward to watching on Sunday

Most missed in-person worship services and coffee hour

Responses were varied on the issue of getting together socially as soon as possible (18 were definitely in favor, 6 were almost in favor, 14 were middle-of-the-road, and 5 were lukewarm, with 5 not in favor).

Question 8 deals with returning to church. Eighteen people would feel comfortable attending face-to-face services if measures were in place to ensure safety; 17 are in an at-risk group and aren't sure when to attend; 5 may not attend until we are in phase 4; and 9 won't attend until there's a vaccine.

Twenty-one have participated in Zoom Coffee Hour/ twenty-five have not.
And while 7 get a lot out of zoom coffee hour, 11 are in the middle about whether they get a lot out of it or not.

We have 8 participating in Zoom Bible Study and 41 not participating.
Of those, 6 get a lot out of Bible Study and 2 do not.

Zoom Outreach meetings produced 8 attending and 40 not attending (sorry, Blaine).

Twenty-nine people have received telephone calls regularly, 13 have received calls occasionally, and 6 have not received calls.

Twenty-nine responded that calls were just right at once per week, but fourteen felt calls were too frequent.

Twenty-six prefer to be contacted by 'phone, 9 by e-mail, and 2 by U.S. mail (I have their names).

Regarding how well the Vicar and B.C. have handled the pandemic response:
39 give us top points, 3 gave us almost as good, and 4 are in the middle.

Regarding our communication during the shutdown: 28 said we had done very well, 14 gave the next high marks, 5 were in the middle, and 1 indicated we'd done poorly.

Bishop Rickel got an “A” from 30 responses, a “B” from 7, a “C” from 6, a “D” from 2 and one person wasn’t impressed..

Twenty-four people feel that we still have a strong and healthy parish, 18 feel that it is pretty good, and 2 are in the middle on this question

Written responses:

Question 4 dealing with how we can help access electronically via Facebook:

- One-page newsletter every 2 or 3 weeks
- E-mail video
- Post recorded services like recorded sermons are posted

Question 5: suggestions for reaching those who are not computer “savvy”:

- Record audio and make available
- Invite to watch with you, loan them computer
- Have Rev. Fulton call them
- Send out a helper with a mask
- Tutorial (or two) in shelter with reservations
- ‘Phone, use speaker to send audio of service
- Once a month service on radio

Question 10 about the Zoom Coffee Hour

Melo Scanlon writes “my wife, Lenia, really enjoys the Thursday morning Zoom Meetings.

Question 15 regarding telephoning parishioners:

Switch callers every other month?

Question 21: How can we best be the church during the time of the pandemic?

Melo writes: “I am very impressed with Fr. Bill’s and Deacon Bill’s efforts to keep the various worship and other meetings ongoing despite the pandemic situation. I do not participate in all of the options available, but am grateful that there are options to stay connected available. The memorial for Ken was excellent.”

- 1). We need to hear from the B.C. members about what we can be doing.
- 2). We are being too inward focused and not looking beyond ourselves. The “church” is still out there in need of us.

“Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people”

Zoom has a feature that divides a large group into smaller ones to discuss a question or topic for 5 to 10 min., then rejoin big group—this might have a use?

Emily Nickerson writes: "I love the Wednesday prayer services. It means so much to have Bill just sitting there and talking and going through the services—Bill, you really could be a T.V. personality—you're a natural".

Prayer requests and designated prayers for those prayers

Grocery shoppers – regular basis

Pharmacy deliveries

Lawn services

P.O. box deliverers

Congregational members with skills need to match parishioner's needs

accounting, lawyers, funeral helpers, youth to wash windows, deliver food,
artistic skills to make cards or kid's pictures

People not in our parish who might benefit from Christian attention

Halfway houses – contact Lutheran Services, Catholic Services, phone book

Bake goodies, clothes deliveries—children's women's, men's

Used bedding (clean)

Meals twice a month delivered to door

*Someone to coordinate these activities

Don't rush to return to services in church building

Regular communication

Keep up Facebook services after we reopen church

Hang in there

Donate funds to locals in need

Communication

"I am so thankful for what Father Bill has put together to keep us informed, engaged and connected. I feel very blessed to be part of this church family. Thank you to all the behind the scenes people and activities to make this happen"

(Suzanne Brock)

Honestly y'all doing an amazing job in such a horrible situation.

Now, at this point, offer some variety of distanced options and let people decide "attend or not"

I feel we are missing opportunities to gather outdoors in our event shelter or parking lot. Open up and let people decide for themselves to attend or not. I see other, larger churches open for services, frustrating.

Continue Zoom, etc. and phone calls for even a minute to say I'm thinking about you.

2nd Timothy 4:1-5. Small-med. sized groups in homes for bible study.

Asked for vicar being in the church—should have been promulgated. Secretary should have been there more than 2 hours/week. Posting of minutes on website always late. Major discussions/changes should come out in an e-mail or newsletter. Were newsletters mailed to those wanting them mailed?