

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

**JANUARY 13, 2019**

In attendance were: Heidi, Mattie, Carolyn, Jerry, Beth, PK, Steve, Vivian, Carol, Jeanette, and Mary.

### Review Previous Quarter's Services:

Founders' Day – We had good to both the historical review and the interviews Luke Ashworth conducted.

Thanksgiving – there were rave reviews over the Thanksgiving services. Asking people from other churches to bring refreshments worked out very well. Discussions were held on having the services at more of the churches than Prospect and St. Joseph's. Pastor will keep us informed as the clergy meet later in the year.

Christmas – We discussed the LED candles used by the smaller children and whether it would be easier for the choir to use them. Carol said she purchased 36 so there would be enough. Heidi just needs to let Carol know before Christmas.

There were several requests for more carols for the 2019 Christmas season.

The greens were removed from the Sanctuary on Monday, January 7. They were placed in the garbage bags with new labels on the bags and on the greens. The balcony greens were placed in a large tree storage bag that was donated. They were able to get the entire line of greens placed in the bag without having to disconnect the pieces. The group also placed labels and markers to indicate where to attach the greens for next year. We did make a small error this year in switching the large balcony wreath and the altar wreath. They wreaths are stored based on where they were placed this year. The creche set was taken down. They stable was put back upstairs. The figures were placed on the upper shelves of the closet across from the office which Jeanette uses for the children's food packs.

### New Business

Children taking larger part in service – Education Team asked up to discuss having children take a larger part in the service. We discussed having the older children (Giana, Harry and the teaching assistants) lead the Opening Prayer. They would bring one of the younger children (David, Charlotte, Victoria and others of that age group) with them. The younger child would lead the Lord's prayer. They would not need to go up to the Altar but would go to the lower microphone.

Communion – Education Committee also asked that we consider when and how we do communion. The teachers for the first week of the month always miss communion. We decided that the pastor could do a simpler liturgy at children's time and have the children and teachers for that week come up first, line up in the front and the pastor would serve each of them communion. The pastor would teach the children the proper procedure of communion by intinction. After they all received communion, they would then walk respectfully out of the sanctuary to go the Sunday School. Then the ushers would guide the rest of the congregation

to receive communion. After communion, the remainder of the service would be held. We would start with the first Sunday in February.

#### Updates from the Group:

Music Director – Heidi showed us the new hymnal that is available. She believes it is much more user friendly than our current black hymnal. We discussed purchasing some of the hymnals. The edition Heidi recommends is currently at a discounted price of \$18.79 (\$3.20 off the regular price). It does not appear there are any volume discounts. Heidi wondered if the Book of Remembrance could be used to purchase a number of copies. Heidi also indicated she received an application for license to be able to copy music. It would cost approximately \$100 per year to be able to copy between 1-90 copies.

History – Vivian has received requests for presenting further historical facts about the church. We decided that she would do a presentation on the old-fashioned dress for Easter. The congregation will be requested to send any pictures they have to Vivian for inclusion. Heidi asked Vivian if she had any picture of the congregation having service in Sessions Hall before the Sanctuary was built. Vivian will try to find that picture and include it.

Altar Guild – the plastic “wine” cups have been replenished as well as the oil for the candles. Carol ordered a new cornucopia for next year as the old one was falling apart.

Youth Shepherd – Mattie asks whatever children (who have been trained) are available to be the acolyte for the day. If no child is available, she asks on the of adults or does it herself.

Lay Leaders – Steve indicated that there will be a meeting of the lay leaders with the pastor coming up next week.

#### Plans for this quarter

Lent begins March 6. PK gave us a chart of activities through the Lent period. He is planning to give each person a large garbage bag to put one thing they give up each day (clothes, household items, etc.). At the end of Lent the bags will be collected and donated to one or more of the charitable organizations in town.

Pretzel Sunday – we did not have the date for Pretzel Sunday.

Palm Sunday (April 14)

Maundy Thursday – we will have the soup and bread supper like we did last year. We will discuss further and finalize at our March meeting.

Good Friday – service will center on the seven words of the cross and hymns to go with those words.

Easter (April 21)

Pastor Vacation – April 22-25.

Next Meeting – 11:30 a.m., Sunday, March 13.