

**Worship Committee**  
**October 16, 2016**

Attendance: Heidi Flower, Mattie Verzino, Jackie Palance, Yountae Kim, Beth Provost, Carol Rivard, Melissa Brown, Mary Rogers.

Learn Together – Altar Guild

We discussed the responsibilities of the Altar Guild. These include the changing of Paraments and flowers, special set up at Christmas and Easter, and the placement of the cornucopia at Thanksgiving. It also would include seeing to the cleaning/dry cleaning of the Paraments. The embroidered table tops that Melissa made some time ago are missing so Melissa volunteered to make some new ones. Carol Rivard has agreed to head up the Altar Guild with assistance as needed from Beth Provost and Mary Rogers.

Discussion was also held on the baptismal font and storage when not in use. Heidi agreed to show Jackie where it should be held. Jackie agreed to notify the ushers and add the movement of the baptismal font for baptisms and water placement as part of the ushers' duties.

Long Range Plan

Heidi has raised the question on the pre-Thanksgiving service and the coffee hour to follow. It was agreed that the reception would be held downstairs. It should not be a problem since St. Joseph's also has their reception in their downstairs. We will ask the congregation for donations of pastries and cookies to be delivered Wednesday morning between 9:30 and 12 noon, if possible. Carol, Mattie and Mary agreed to meet Tuesday morning at 9:30 before the Wednesday service to set up the downstairs. There will be no tables for sitting just for serving food. Melissa said she has a number of appropriate decorations she will bring in before then; Mary said she also has items to bring.

Final discussions on Greening of the Church service on November 27 – it was decided that Yountae would build into the regular service the greening service. We will ask people to bring a brown bag lunch and we will buy bread, ham and cheese to make sandwiches for those who may have forgotten. (Mary can bring a grill for making grilled cheese sandwiches and can bring chips, and a macroni salad – this is an added comment from what was discussed in the meeting.) We will request volunteers to come in on Saturday, November 26, to assist in the fluffing of the greens and setting them up in the balcony and above the altar. The rest of the greening will be done after Sunday services.

Final discussions on Christmas services - the Christmas Eve services will be held at 4:00 and 10:00. On Sunday, we will have one service at 10:00 and have a sing around the piano.

### Short Range Progress

Yountae is going to prepare sermons on grace for the next five Sundays. He has some ideas for some changes in the service but wants to move slowly in that regard.

### Concerns and Questions

Mattie raised the question last meeting about having the Lay Leader handle announcements. After further discussion, it was decided that it would be better to let individuals continue to give announcements since that seems to hold the congregation's attention better and adds to the community feel of the service. We will ask people to try to keep their announcements shorter. If there is a story behind the announcement, they should have that story in the bulletin and bring people's attention to that.

Jackie requested whether the acolyte should leave the altar after services while Yountae is giving the benediction. There is an issue with the wick if she has to stand there too long. It was agreed that she would leave the altar before the benediction.

We discussed updating the website and whether anyone would be interested in taking that on. Since there was no interest, Mary will have Jeanette train her and do it herself.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a joint meeting on November 6 with the Education Committee and the Nurture Committee following services (this is a change from what we determined in the meeting). Unless something urgent comes up, we will not have a Worship Committee meeting until January.