

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

August 21, 2016

In attendance were: Mary Rogers, Pastor Kim, Heidi Flower, Mattie Verzino, Jackie Palance, Melissa Brown, Beth Provost

Mary Rogers opened the meeting with a religious poem and a prayer and reminded everyone of the recent Council meeting where she stated the committee had not lived up to the Methodist Guidelines on Worship Committees published by Cokesbury.

Our annual report lists our Worship Team Responsibilities as:

- 1) Learn about worship and about people in our congregation and community so that we can plan worship appropriate to their needs.
- 2) Collaborate with each other in planning worship.
- 3) Develop and support effective musical leadership in the church.
- 4) Promote and foster regular individual and family spiritual formation.
- 5) Consider other opportunities for strengthening worship.

The Worship Booklet indicates we also should be doing the following:

- 6) Help leaders of work areas (Acolytes, Altar Guild, Communion Stewards, Fellowship, Greeters, Music, Ushers, Lay Speakers) to recruit and train persons for their ministries.
- 7) Communicate regularly with pastor and other worship leaders to ensure they have the implements and supplies they need for worship.
- 8) Be aware of existing policies about worship and the use of worship space and revise and develop new policies as may be needed.
- 9) Get to know the people of the congregation and their gifts so we can invite them to share these gifts in worship.
- 10) Expand the use of arts, music and technology in our worship.

There was some discussion on these last five items. Mary Rogers is to try to locate any written policies on worship and worship space that have been developed for our church. David Kelly was mentioned as a person with special talents that might be brought into service. Mention was also made of the pastor using the computer to project portions of the service onto the screen.

Members of the committee were asked to consider these five items and bring back suggestions at the next meeting on how we might begin to implement these responsibilities.

Gaps in our Committee - we need the following positions filled: Altar Guild - vacated by the Pelkeys and Scott McNeal (Carol Rivard and I have been filling in); Greeter Coordinator - vacated by Carol Rivard and poorly filled in by myself; Communion Stewards: vacated by the Pelkeys; Carol Rivard has stepped up from alternate. Mary Rogers to announce we are looking for help in these areas. Melissa Brown suggested setting up a sign up sheet for greeters.

Long Range Plans - Calendar -

September 4 – Labor Day Weekend Sunday – communion
September 15-October 15 – Hispanic Heritage Month
September 18 – Rally Day (Deep Blue Day)/Pot Luck Sunday
September 25 – Sunday School Classes Start
October 1 – Saturday – Blessing of the Animals
October 2 – World Communion Sunday
October 9 – Children’s Sabbath – we did not decide if we were going to do anything.
October 16 – Laity Sunday
October 30 – All Saints Sunday – read names of those who have died in last year
November – Native American Heritage Month
November 6 – Veteran’s Sunday – recognize Veterans in church
November 13 – International Day of Prayer
November 20 – Bible Sunday/Turkey Trot Sunday – children collect canned goods
November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve – Pastor to find out if we are doing a combined serv.
November 27 – First Sunday of Advent – Greening of Sanctuary – Pastor to
Write up how it was handled in his previous church; Heidi to find how lighting of
Candles was handled a few years ago when children sang solo’s.
December 2 – Family coloring event – Mary will help Tim Krauss with this.
December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent
December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent – Christmas Pageant
December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent – Caroling Sunday
December 24 – Christmas Eve – next meeting we will make decision on what we do
December 25 – Sunday Christmas Day
December 31 – New Year’s Eve Party

Mary is to contact Vivian Bracket about start-up of Prospect to determine when we should have Founder’s Sunday.

Hear and celebrate short-range progress – Team thought the Sunday combined summer services have worked out well. Pastor asked how we thought he was doing and multiple compliments were given – especially about his sermons and how the entire service seems to flow well with one theme throughout.

Mary asked for comments about the change in format of the meeting. The team appreciated the change and said it flowed well.

Adjournment – Mary presented a poem that each team member was asked to participate by reading a couple of lines.