

Worship Committee Meeting
Jan. 13, 2010

Members present:

Cheryl Kae Dodson and Waldon Wolf (co-chairs), pastor Keath Baskett, Debbie Robertson, Murray Baskett, Lynn Hutchison, Mike Hofacket, Carol Schultz, Andy Hernandez

Waldon Wolf opened the meeting with prayer and we then introduced ourselves.

Cheryl Kae stated that she thought one of our main responsibilities is to get Greeters/Ushers, Liturgists, and Communion servers each month. In response to that statement Debbie pulled the *Worship Guidelines* from the Worship notebook, copies were made, and we then used it as an agenda.

Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday

Ash Wednesday will be February 17 this year. This reminded us that we need to order palms for Palm Sunday but Waldon brought up that every year on Palm Sunday Arnie has to leave the Sanctuary because he is apparently allergic to something on the palms. **Waldon will discuss it with Arnie** and see if he has any idea what he is allergic to (chemicals on the palms, the palms themselves, etc.) We will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Jews For Jesus

Cheryl Kae read a letter from Jew For Jesus asking us to consider having a “Christ in the Passover” presentation. **It was decided that Cheryl Kae would contact Jew For Jesus and see if FUMC could be put on their schedule. Anytime during Lent would be desirable but Holy Week is preferred.**

Living Last Supper

Sarah Williams said she is planning to present the Living Last Supper on Maunday Thursday. **We all agreed to help/support her in any way possible.**

Good Friday

Because of the amount of work needed for the Living Last Supper, the committee decided to have a simple Good Friday service. Carol Schultz suggested asking the Youth to read a “Stations of the Cross” type service. **Cheryl Kae will talk to Sue Holdridge about it.** We will continue discussion at the next meeting.

Easter

There was discussion of Sunrise Service. In years past we have had some very meaningful and memorable services but since Daylight Savings Time will begin before Easter Sunday, it would be almost impossible to have a Sunrise Service and an 8:00 service. It was decided to have our regular 8:00 and 10:30 Services. **Murray said she and the Education Committee will be in charge of the Easter Egg Hunt and Cheryl Kae will discuss the Youth’s traditional Easter Lily project with Sue Holdridge.**

From SPRC

Mike Hofacket, Lay Leader, brought 3 concerns from SPRC for discussion with the Worship Committee.

1. Prelude before the worship service. After much discussion and batting around several ideas it was decided that Sarah Williams would incorporate Preludes at the beginning of each service in a variety of ways.
2. Elimination of Passing the Peace. Some of the points made were that we have just been designated a Welcoming Church and this might be a step backwards. Some people don't like be spoken to or touched. Some people don't like being ignored. It has become a time of visiting rather than greeting in the name of Christ. We decided to shorten the time and vary its placement in the order of Worship (1st service) and revisit the topic in 6 months.
3. Altar call at the end of the service. The committee seemed surprised by this, most of us feeling that the pastor was doing this. We decided to leave the style of the Altar call up to him.

Greeters/Ushers, Liturgists, Communion Servers

Debbie Robertson will make a new volunteer chart, Carol Schultz will invite people to sign up during 1st Service, Murray Baskett will invite people to sign up during 2nd Service.

Murray ask that Greeters be aware of the need for safety of children leaving the Church service to use the restroom. Greeters will be asked to casually check the hallway and aid children in any way necessary.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Keath Baskett