Worship Ministry Team Meeting

February 18, 2025

Minutes

Gather & Devotions – Christina Metzger

Review of January Minutes – approved as written

Old Business:

- **Lent/Easter Workplan** – we reviewed the workplan and updated it with tasks that have been completed. Updated copy will be sent with Minutes. It was decided to move forward with the plan of having "in-home" gatherings on Maundy Thursday to give a more private, intimate setting and it encourages participation by families with children. The in-home suppers are in lieu of a formal Maundy Thursday worship in the sanctuary. Tammy shared this idea of Maundy Thursday suppers with the Pastoral Relations Committee, our Worship committee, in a meeting with Caitlin Mountford, Bill Ridgely and Nancy Nader, and with the Church Council. All were supportive of this alternative offering for Maundy Thursday. Several people have already indicated they would be willing to host a supper in their home."

- **Bulletin Greetings** – Lori passed out the ones that she had developed and shared with the team the additional one submitted by Dave Norby. David Schipper also provided some additional versions that could be used during various seasons of the church and year/seasons. Lori will combine all of these into a single document and forward it to Kala Orcholski to start using with the bulletins. It was agreed that the message should change monthly or using the seasonal ones as appropriate to keep the message "fresh". Lori asked that members again try to come up with additional messages to incorporate in the rotation.

New Business:

- **Worship Suggestion Process** – no new suggestions have been received. It was noted that one suggestion was made verbally to Christina and David and that the person was informed to submit the suggestion using the formal process. That suggestion had not yet been received as of the meeting. Team members are again encouraged that if approached with any suggestions or ideas, to direct that person to follow the formal process and not try to provide any answer at that time.

- **Baptism on February 23rd** – Lori will coordinate with a few men available on Sunday morning after the 8:15 service to move the baptismal font into place and have it filled and

ready to go. Congregational Life will be hosting a celebration after the 10:30 service with cake and beverages. Lori asked all who could attend the 10:30 service and stay for the celebrations afterwards. She also asked those who could, to stay after and help Congregational Life with any clean-up afterwards.

Open Discussion:

- Lori suggested we place a request in the March newsletter for members to submit pictures that they may have regarding the life and times of WUCC. David Schipper will then create slide shows that would be shown once a month or there abouts. We decided to name this "Faith through the Generations". We will be asking members to submit any pictures, or for those that are technically gifted to create Power Point slide shows of their pictures. These slide shows would be shown on the screen in the Narthex. We will be looking for pictures of baptisms, confirmations, weddings, buildings and remodeling pictures, past festivals and special events, Sunday School programs, Palm Parades, Chicken N Biscuit dinners, craft fairs, choirs, etc. It was thought and hoped that this would be a fun and interesting way for members to revisit the past, take a trip down memory lane and for newer members to see some of our history. We will also try to find any old pictures that the church may have in storage/files for use. Lori will write an article for the newsletter.

- David Schipper suggested we create an "hour of prayer" event. Members would be encouraged to come to the church during this time for the purpose of prayer and contemplation. reflection or just companionship with others. There would be no formal service, David would provide spiritual music during this time, either by playing himself or using recorded spiritual music. People could come and go as they please, they could stay for 5 minutes or stay for the entire hour. Tentative plans are that this would take place on Thursdays of each week with 2 sessions. One would be from noon – 1 pm; and the 2nd would be from 4-5 pm. We will try this for the weeks between Ash Wednesday and Easter. This might be continued if it is well received. David will write an article for the March newsletter. Additional discussion between Pastor Tammy and David decided that only one session of the "hour of prayer" will be offered from 4-5 pm and will begin on March 6th.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Tammy

Next meeting will be on March 18, 2025, at 4 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Newlun, Chair

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