

## Worship Committee 2021 Annual Report

I remind us all, that this committee is indeed a committee – but one that never meets as a committee. I am thankful, however, for the volunteers who through their diligence and individual leadership, support the church's continued service through word and song.

The main work of the chair of Worship is to meet with ministry team each Tuesday. Very few Tuesdays pass without a meeting scheduled. The make-up of the committee did change this year.

Following the resignation of Dr. Froese as our music director, members of the church stepped forward to assist with music while a Music Committee played the important role of finding someone to lead each Sunday. Each leader was invited to attend the Tuesday Meetings when they took responsibility to lead our music.

My thanks to James Yi, Elaine Zandee, and Lynn Dennis for helping bring music to our services and all those who acted as the leaders in the singing of hymns. Thanks to Margaret Chambers for finding and scheduling the music leaders per Sunday. Consider this, that the church has presented music for close to eight months. Special thanks are given to James Yi. Several years before, he helped with music for the summer months, and has returned to help us at two Sundays each month. We are so grateful for his willingness to support the music each Sunday.

In August, we said goodbye to Sebastien Miller, who worked the camera for the video recordings. Sebastien is registered in college to continue his career. We wish him all the best in his endeavours.

Sam Boehner took his role until we determined to move to live streaming. Peter Grey remained as a background support for Sam. Both assisted greatly in the move from recording services to live streaming. Now Peter has finally taken a well-deserved rest from the technology support of our church. It seems to me that he has been working in that area for decades. Sincerest thanks are extended to him for his services.

Since November, the church is livestreaming its Sunday service. There are approximately 12 members of the church scheduled to work on video and sound for each Sunday service. To them my deepest thanks for learning the operation of the equipment and once again always there to help when needed.

Thus, the Worship Committee presently consists of Rev. Bill Cantelon, Nancy Walker, Jane Shumka (with Leslie Moffat working during the summer months), Sam Boehner, Peter Grey, the leaders of the music for the following Sunday, and me.

And to continue as part of Worship Committee: -

Grace and Russell Lindsay - Greeters/Ushers

Margaret Chambers - Music Leaders

Ed Hickcox – Scripture Readers

Barbara Shobbrook - Flowers

Jane Shumka and Nancy Walker decoration of the sanctuary following the liturgical calendar of the Church

Sam Boehner - Preparing elements for our Communion services and Technology Team

Stephen Godfrey – seeking volunteers to serve communion and offering a welcome and announcements to all who attend our services.

During the months of July – October, Ed Hickcox took over the organization of announcers at services as well as Scripture readers. A debt of thanks is passed to Ed for his immediate willingness to look after these areas of the church organization during my absence.

The “Gatherings” Resource is used through the year by our ministry team. In 2020 and 2021 Rev. Cantelon and Nancy Walker have used themes from Sanctified Art –Lenten Season (Again and Again) and just recently for our Advent Season (Close to Home). Poetry, paintings, videos, and reading are all focused on the theme of the resource. From conversations with several of the congregation, these two resources were well received. Sanctified Art for Lenten Journey and Advent Journey will also be used.

Without the volunteers it would be difficult for the church to function as smoothly as it does. A special vote of thanks must be passed to them all. We are thankful that our membership is generous with their time and talents. As chair of Worship my sincerest thanks for all the work you have done to make this difficult year (Covid-19) as successful as it has been.

Finally, I cannot express enough for the help and support I have had during the year from Rev. Bill Cantelon, Nancy Walker and Jane Shumka. They have made the work of Worship chair a pleasure. I am humbled to be on their team in supporting the work of this church.

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Stephen Godfrey, Chair*