

Worship Committee 2024 Annual Report

To the Church Council and Congregation

The work of the Worship Chair is to co-ordinate events in church services that require further work than should be in place by our Minister. This demands that the Worship Chair attend the Ministry meeting each week, whether it be with our personnel or with visiting Supply Ministers, and including support for our Music Ministry, when our Director of Music is unavailable. The continuous smooth running of our worship services is paramount.

The Worship Committee consists of volunteers seeking congregants to support each Sunday. Thus, we have in our church Volunteers supplying our administrative office with lists needed to complete the total support of each service. They include:

- Greeters
- Morning Prayer
- Scripture Readers,
- Receiving Offerings
- Flower Donors,
- Live-streaming Coordinator,
- Servers of Communion

During the summer, while Beth took holidays, Rev Hilde Seal led our services, and while Sharon took holidays, Claire Jung served as our Music Leader as well as Lynn Dennis.

Communion services, this year, have been held on Epiphany, 1st Sunday of Lent, Pentecost, Thanksgiving Sunday, World Communion Sunday, Advent Sunday, and the last Sunday of December. Sacraments are served with gluten free bread, and now white juice. The new carpet in our sanctuary has determined the colour of juice to be used. It has also changed the lighting of individual candles in the Christmas Eve Service using electric T- lights instead of wax candles.

Coordinators in the Worship Committee:

- Greeters - Bill Samis and Karen Strawn Samis
- Morning Prayer – Pastor Beth Parsons
- Scripture Readers – Bill Walker
- Flowers – Barbara Shobbrook
- Décor of Sanctuary – Jane Shumka
- Receiving Offering – Stephen Godfrey
- Jiemie Li – Live Stream Technicians
- Communion Preparation – Sam Boehner
- Sacrament Servers – Stephen Godfrey

Thanks are given to those mentioned above and also to those who have completed their responsibilities. Barbara Shobbrook has in recent months had to take leave of her responsibility. It is hoped she will be able to return early in the New Year.

This year Mrs. Moira Dennis and Ms. Grace Cave, have now joined the ministry team meetings on Tuesdays as Leaders of the Spirit Kids program.

Following our service, fellowship has continued in the hall with groups from our church, hosting each Sunday. It is pleasing to see so many remain for this important time to share their lives together in conversations.

Pastor Beth continues to encourage as many as is possible to assist in some way in our Services of Worship; that the services our jointly given with congregation playing an important role.

Announcements

Announcements are not part of the role of the Worship Chair. It has been placed there but is open to anyone who would like to welcome both the attenders in our sanctuary and those who are watching at home. The Chair has now been in that role for well over 12 years.

Feedback

The role of the Chair is to receive any comments from the congregation to offer help with suggestions which may enhance the services. This year the Chair can count on one hand the number of comments brought to his attention. All are passed to the Ministry Meetings on Tuesdays. It is pleasing that our congregants can speak freely to our Minister on any items which are felt could augment our services.

Respectfully submitted
Stephen Godfrey, Chair