

## Worship Committee 2023 Annual Report

To the Church Council and Congregation

The transition of 2022 (Rev. B. Cantelon retiring), continued as our Church said goodbye to Nancy Walker coordinator of children, youth, and young adults of the church. Her final day was 11th June. As of this report Pastor Beth Parsons is now a fulltime minister for the church while a coordinator for children, youth, and young adults is not filled. Pastor Beth was received formally into our church as Minister on 17th September. She has led "A Time to Wonder" with support from Ruth Schultz, with several who look after the Spirit Kid Program – Ms. Leslie Moffatt, Mrs. Ruth Schultz, Mrs. Moira Dennis. Much of the preparation of the Spirit Kids program has been led by Ms. Leslie Moffat. MS Moffatt has also organized Messy Church events since Summer.

The Worship Committee is a group of volunteers assisting in seeking congregants to be part of our services each Sunday: greeters, scripture readers, flower donors, live streaming coordinator, communion (preparing and seeking servers).

The Chair of Worship meets weekly with the Ministry Team, Pastor Beth, Sharon Prindle-Collins our Music Director, and Jane Shumka our Office Administrator. Planning of upcoming services is the focus of these meetings, with occasional discussion of the presentation of the service as seen through those who watch it on monitors or TVs at home.

During the summer, while Sharon took holidays, James Yi served as our Music Leader. On October Sharon requested leave for personal reasons, and Mr. Glenn Parsons took over her role as our Music Director. He has coordinated the Church Band. It has been appreciated that our music ministry has continued seamlessly.

Communion services, this year, have been held on Epiphany, 1st Sunday of Lent, Pentecost, Thanksgiving Sunday, and Advent Sunday. All served communion by presentation of both elements separately, rather than by intinction.

Coordinators in the Worship Committee:

Greeters - Bill Samis and Karen Strawn Samis

Scripture readers – Bill Walker

Flowers – Barbara Shobbrook

Décor of Sanctuary – Jane Shumka

Rob Glenn – Live Stream Technicians

Communion Preparation – Sam Boehner

Communion Servers – Stephen Godfrey

Announcements – Stephen Godfrey

Thanks are expressed to those mentioned above and also to those who have completed their responsibilities - Grace and Russell Lindsay, Ed Hickcox, Jiemie Li.- and passed them to new leaders.

The service plan for Sundays continues to develop. The music prelude precedes the service for five to ten minutes. Announcements follow, and a moment of quiet contemplation is offered as Sharon plays some centering music.

Lighting of Christ Candle –one or more of our children invited to take part

Opening Hymn

Opening Prayer

Anthem

A Time of Wonder

Scripture reading

Reflection

Hymn of the Day

Offering received

Joys and Concerns – congregants invited to write names in a book available as they enter church or at this time to bring forward further names lifted up in prayers

Final Hymn

Benediction

Postlude

Following our service, fellowship continues in the hall with groups from our church, hosting each Sunday.

Over the time of leadership of Pastor Beth, more and more of the congregation have participated in some way in the services of worship, which has been much appreciated by all.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Stephen Godfrey, Chair*