

Worship Committee
Minutes
Sept 18, 2012

We opened the meeting with introductions. Jane and John Murray are our two newest members.

We reviewed the attached calendar looking at the upcoming services.

Oct. 2 is Communion Sunday and the youth will be baking the bread. Jackie and Karen Barker will prepare communion that Sunday and Jane will be sure that the bread is in the sacristy for the preparers.

Youth Sunday is Oct 30 and the youth are excited about increased participation in the service. They are looking to do this on the 5th Sundays. If you would like to coordinate one or all of these Sundays, please let me know.

Katie would like an assistant to help with the greeters.

Barbara volunteered to do a TVT, Thematic Visual Table, for all saints Sunday and Jackie volunteered to do one for Communion Sunday.

We looked at a tentative schedule for decorating the sanctuary as follows:

Prior to Nov. 27 th	Put up the advent wreath and candles
Prior to Dec 4	<u>Tree</u> with Christmon Decorations / <u>Tree</u> in fellowship hall
Prior to Dec 11	remaining decorations in the sanctuary – <u>wreaths and garland, banners, carolers, manger scene, banners, posts, conference room</u>

Actual decorating dates to be announced.

An idea was presented to have an explanation of the meaning of the Christmon decorations. Richard and Nettie are working on either finding the old booklet or making a new one to insert into the bulletins or distribute during advent.

We discussed having a drawing on the front of the church bulletins. We did not have any takers from the arts guild or the notice placed in the Cherry Log. Jane will take it to the youth department and get the kids to do some drawings to see if they will work.

We discussed the necessity of having gluten free wafers when we do communion by intinction. We will just have them tucked under the regular bread for each server.

We talked about having a new welcomer training – maybe in January. Young adults need to be incorporated into the training.

We had a lively discussion about the presence of rocking chair in the sanctuary. One issue that needs to be addressed making sure that there is space for the server to pass communion.

We discussed the possibility of blue paraments for advent. Blue is the new color that helps distinguish them from the purple that is used for lent. There was a concern expressed about the cost and about the fact that the Choir would not have matching stoles. Richard is checking on the price of matching stoles.

Jane brought up the fact that a committee was again looking at a second service. Bill and Cheryl Starr are working on the research surrounding a second service. The following are some of our discussion points:

- a second service would split the church
- many churches have more than one service
- a second service could increase attendance and increase giving
- a second service provides an additional opportunity for worship (some people work in retail on Sunday)
- a second service is not necessary

The arts guild is updating the Christmas decorations.

Meeting was adjourned.