

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

January 11, 2010

Attending: Marta Clugston, Buzz Hoon, Rev. Becky Lembke, Marcia Moulden, Maureen Nation, Gary Saunders, Lynn Thompson, Terecia Torrance

Absent: Bruce Black, Ray Brinker, Sam Edsall, Marion Keudell, Pat Hobbs, Tom Ford, Tim Lembke, Jim Olsen, Rev. Russ Smith, Mary Ann Troyer

Team leader Marta Clugston called the Worship Committee to order at 5:32.

The upcoming season of Lent was discussed. Ideas were presented which may occasionally lead to a different way of observing this season as compared to recent years. Ash Wednesday is February 17th. Faith Encounter will meet that evening for the meal only. Ash Wednesday service will begin at 6:30 and will include the imposition of ashes. Lynn said the Sanctuary choir would sing if requested.

The Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services were discussed. It was suggested that included in these services could be contemporary drama and interpretive dance. Costumes are available from past years. Coordination of music was discussed. When a special service is planned it was suggested the advertisement in the local paper be changed to include the new service and a welcome to all to attend. It was stated the Witness committee was responsible for the advertisement. The yard signs used for the Easter season were recently located and the suggestion was these be made available.

Rev. Becky has planned a Lenten series of sermons and worship services around The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. Each week a movie clip will be shown to emphasize a theme that corresponds to a teaching from scripture. Also discussed were ideas such as decorating with a winter scene and lamp post, hanging coats in the doorway to symbolize the entrance to Narnia and offering recipes and samples of food for the congregation to try. The samples would match the theme of each Sunday. It was suggested the Sunday school classes could each be responsible for the preparation and serving of food samples for each week's Coffee Fellowship. Another suggestion was the day care cook could be retained to do the sample preparation. It was suggested kitchen coordinator Rheta could serve as coordinator of the sample preparation and provide the recipes to distribute to the congregation. Marcia will approach Rheta about this.

The possibility of an Easter sunrise service was discussed.

The Christmas Eve service was evaluated. Members believed the 7:00 and 9:00 services worked well. There was a question concerning the length of the 7:00 service (until 8:20 or so) and that it should be cut. Others felt the service went smoothly and extra time was not noticeable and probably caused by the larger number of people taking communion. There was a suggestion to have the ushers light the candles in the pews at the end of the service. Others thought letting the pastors take the time to light each row was fine. The fellowship hour after the 7:00 service was well attended and considered a successful time to allow a gathering of church members to meet and exchange Christmas greetings. The amount of cake ordered was just right. Next year, as with the Hanging of the Greens, we need to be better organized for the preparation duties of coffee making, cake cutting, punch serving, clean up, etc. Volunteers will be needed for each of these.

The meeting was dismissed at 6:46.

THE NEXT WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST AT 5:30PM.

