

Worship and Music Committee

May 9th, 2023: 6:30pm (Madison)

Attendees: Barb, Mike, Amy, Jared, Sarah, Betsy, Keith, Judy

Guests: Pr. Dara, Rick T.

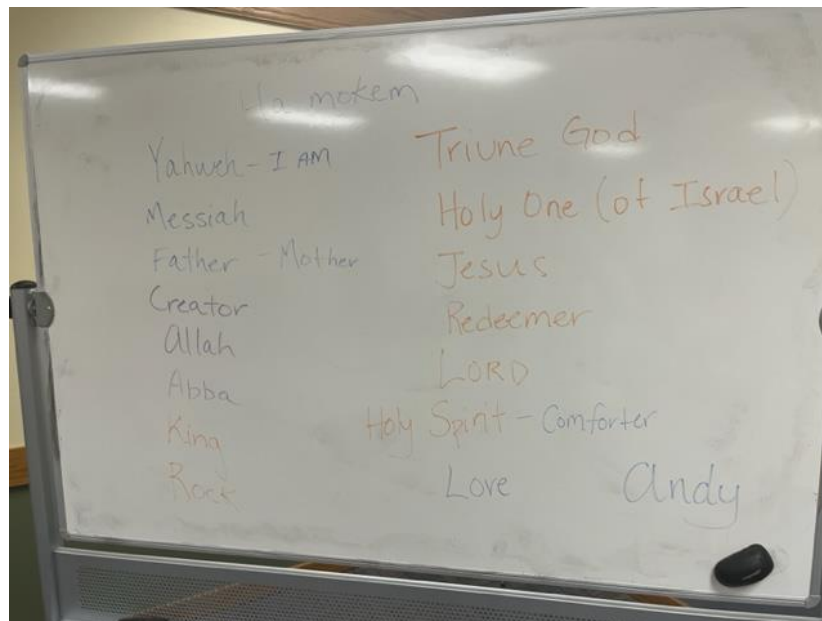
Meeting Notes:

*****All Action Items will be highlighted in RED*****

*****All messaging to Board highlighted in BOLD*****

Meeting start- 6:35pm

1. Welcome- Mike
2. Devotion- Pr. Dara
 - a. Hope: A User's Manual
 - b. Brainstorm different names for God:



- i.
 - c. Ha mokem= the place (earliest name for God)
 - i. Before God was a who He was a where
 - ii. Church= People, God=Place
 - d. PAUSE for MEDITATION
3. Summer worship (Pr. Dara and Rick T.)
 - a. Summer 2022- Holy Cow
 - i. Music Mondays
 - ii. Worship in the park (Thursdays)
 - b. Planning for Summer 2023
 - i. Mondays (alternating)
 1. Music Mondays (same as previous)
 2. Parks Alive- Meadowood park
 - a. Purely feeding- fresh produce from garden, etc.
 - b. Working on Music (through community center)

- ii. Thursday nights
 - 1. Didn't include music previously but working on potential
 - 2. Format- previous
 - a. Opening prayer, scripture reading, pastors/friends from community/etc., Communion, closing prayer (sometimes Stephen ministry)
 - 3. Mostly GSLC members, but also others (some eventually joined church)
 - 4. What more could be done?
 - a. Flyers/cards with worship times/locations/website
 - b. More consistent "Prayers for the People" part of format
 - c. Meditation leading up to prayer
 - d. Offer Spanish speaking
 - e. Connections and invite to community churches
 - f. Publicize more
 - i. Food truck websites
 - ii. Signage
 - iii. Social media
 - iv. Member attendance
 - 5. Discussion and recommendation from WMA-
 - a. Keep communion as part of format
 - b. Keep at same parks as last year- build on successes of previous year
- 4. In person worship- seems to be on the rise
- 5. Strategic Planning Update (Betsy, Jared, Karen- absent)
 - a. Board to bring up forming two task force teams
 - i. Breeze membership database review
 - 1. Suggestion- deep dive into accurate membership #s and increase to frequency at which membership #s are evaluated.
 - ii. Online worship
 - b. Cross-committee collaborations: this is already starting to happen
 - c. Revision of the Strategic Plan document is available online→ easier to read
- 6. Online worship- no discussion
- 7. Worship and Music Offerings-
 - a. Drums @ Verona, Organ @Madison
 - i. Barb will be transporting bells to repair location, saving church shipping costs, THANKS BARB 😊!
 - ii. Another member will be transporting back from repair!
- 8. Other items-
 - a. Skip July WMA meeting, resume in August following the June meeting.
 - b. Reflection on Confirmation service (5/7)- very positive feedback; consideration of invitation to confirmands to volunteer.
- 9. Closing poem/prayer- Sarah
 - a. "Practice Resurrection" Wendell Berry

Next meeting June 13th, Madison, location TBD- likely coffee area

Meeting End- 7:56pm