

Worship and Music Committee

January 14th, 2025: 6:30pm (Madison)

Attendees: Judy, Ronda, Jared, Amy, Keith, Mike, Barb, Courtney, Betsy.

Meeting Notes:

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

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

Meeting start- 6:40pm

1. Welcome- Mike
 - a. Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah- our church community
2. Wrapping up 2024
 - a. Post COVID turning point
 - i. Increases seen in the following:
 1. New programming
 2. New choir members
 3. New congregation members
 4. Attendance
 - ii. Mortgage eliminated
 - b. Christmas
 - i. Concert well attended
 - ii. Service times changes worked well
 1. 65 people away from a total of 2000 in attendance
 2. 2025 consideration- capacity anticipation and planning
3. 2025→ great start!!
 - a. Family Blessing service- 1/5
 - b. RIC- 1/12
 - c. Planning-
 - i. Lent- theme is "Forgiveness"
 1. Ash Wed- 3/5
 2. Palm Sunday- 4/13
 3. Maundy Thursday- 4/17
 4. Good Friday- 4/18
 - ii. Easter- 4/20
 - d. Considerations/Discussions-
 - i. Wed Service during Lent? (previously did noon service paired with soup/salad lunch)
 1. One-off opportunities may draw more participation (ideas below)-
WMA to discuss in Feb
 - a. Healing Service
 - b. "Experimental" service (like visual/painting service during Advent 2024)
 - c. Evening soup dinner
 - d. Seder dinner (pair with AMPED and make a fundraiser)
 - e. Film viewing

- ii. Communion
 - 1. Moving to glass cups→ make switch on Ash Wed (WMA supports this suggestion)
 - 2. Intinction- Easter?
 - 3. Lent- bring back bread (AMPED kids to make?)
 - 4. Change up how we do communion throughout the year to focus on the meaning
 - 5. IMMEDIATE ATTENTION NEEDED- Communion assistance
 - a. Let ushers know if you require communion assistance
 - i. Add to bulletin, slide and announcement
 - ii. Train ushers on what to do to support
 - b. Jared to address with pastors*
- iii. Offering- would like to keep this consistent from week to week
 - 1. WMA suggests- 2x ushers take bowls directly to altar and pastors to bless after
 - 2. Jared to address with pastors*
- 4. Mission Statement
 - a. Past tense wording- bring to present tense?
 - b. Betsy to find context of why it was written the way it is, before any suggestions of change made*
- 5. Volunteers
 - a. Going well- Go TEAM RONDA AND COURTNEY!! You are AMAZING and should be the model to standardize against going forward!
- 6. 2025 committee items
 - a. Occasional conversation/check-in around staffing
 - b. Virtual worship- check in with Eric (Mar or Apr), or even Steve Ackerman for updates
 - c. Organ repair- confirmed that it is part of the budget going forward
- 7. Closing prayer- Lord's Prayer

Next meeting February 18th, Verona

Meeting End- 8:17pm