

Executive Summary

1. Worship, Music & Arts Committee

2. January 13, 2026

3. Topics Discussed

a. Welcome & Devotion

- Welcomed Tracy Dahl (Verona Worship Leader) and Jackie Johnson (new committee member).
- Devotion focused on the role of conversation in church life and reflections on Mike's service as chair.

b. Review of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas Season

- Strong attendance across both campuses; similar to 2024 but more evenly distributed.
- Monday Christmas program highlighted as a major success.
- Positive feedback overall; few complaints.
- Verona's hospitality and intentional planning noted.
- Musician availability allowed for strong coverage across services.
- Season felt cohesive and celebratory, reflecting "1 congregation, 2 campuses."

c. Upcoming Worship Items

- Reconciliation Sunday: no committee action needed.
- Ash Wednesday/Lent: no action items at this time.
- Future discussion topics identified:
 - Whether to continue passing the offering plate.
 - Review of lead/usher roles.

d. Music Ministry Transition

- Expressed gratitude to Jared Stellmacher for his service.
- Discussion of priorities during transition:
 - Maintaining people-focused leadership.
 - Organ maintenance needs; potential establishment of a dedicated fund.
 - Sustainable bulletin practices.
 - Interim organist and choir director selected.
 - Music Mondays may require volunteer and committee support.

e. New Chair Selection

- Jackie Johnson unanimously affirmed as new chair.
 - Reviewed chair responsibilities and upcoming priorities, including:
 - Clarifying WMA mission and scope.
 - Outlining committee responsibilities.
 - Supporting creative worship initiatives.
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4. Items of Importance/Concern for the Board of Directors

a. Organ Maintenance Funding

- Committee discussed the need for a dedicated fund or budget line to support ongoing organ maintenance, given its significance to both the church and wider community.
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5. Requests for Board Direction

None at this time.

6. Requests for Board Approval

None at this time.

7. Attachments

None.