

The State of the Worship and Music Arts Committee is thriving. We have been engaged in conversations discussing how we can worship as a congregation and Christian community while navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Our discussions included how we are united in worship and united as a church congregation and Christian community. We do this through feedback and comments we might receive from the Church Leadership, other committees, and our congregants.

We have been fortunate to discuss the musical offerings at both campuses since many on our committee are involved in music groups including handbells, choir, and worship bands.

We also as a committee want to ensure that when visitors come to either campus, we are welcoming; trying to make them feel “right at home” while they attend worship.

Since the pandemic constantly presents challenges, we continue to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment intent on uniting.

We have also been busy working with Donna and assisting her to recruit and retain volunteers. It appears to be less of a challenge at Madison Campus and more of a challenge in the Verona Campus. As a result, we have been discussing and, if appropriate, recommend modifications on the duties of church volunteers including worship assistants, ushers, and greeters. For now, until the pandemic ends this will be part of our regular meetings.

The Worship and Music Arts committee is committed to improve and partake in communications with other committees to further enhance our Worship together as a congregation. With this said, we look forward to teaming up with the Hospitality and Technology committees.

Finally, the Worship and Music Arts Committee is hopeful that the pandemic may be coming to an end soon. We are hoping that this could become a reality later in 2022. This would allow us to possibly increase our music and worship offerings and restart the search for an Associate Director of Music to help Jared in administering and leading the Music Ministry at our two campuses.

Respectfully submitted,

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