

Worship and Music Committee Report 2017

Members: Gene DePue/Kathy Leischner – Chair, Donna Augspurger, Annette Griffith, Barb Olson, Judy Temme, Cindee Wachter. (Gene Depue moved to Omaha mid- year.)

Music Directors: Bob Arp, Lee Augustin, Stuart Gausman

Pastors Annika Lister Stroope, Edward Yang

Purpose: To organize a program of worship services, music and sacraments that will enhance spiritual relationship with God in Christ.

Members of the W & M committee meet monthly or as needed to discuss and suggest ways to enhance the overall worship experience at Federated. Music, environment, liturgy, communion and attendee involvement are all taken into consideration. The pastor and music directors are ex officio members of the committee and participate in all planning and discussions. Committee members look to their professional knowledge and training to enhance all services. A representative of the Governing Council chairs the committee.

Doane College Concert Choir, CHS/CMS choirs, Columbus Jazz Band, Consonaires, Puppets, Youth Bells, and other talented musicians participated in worship in 2016. The vocal and bell choirs helped lead worship.

Ecumenical Lenten lunch services were again held at the Methodist.

The Thanksgiving ecumenical service was held on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving day, at 4PM at St Lukes. An ecumenical Blue Christmas service for those dealing with loss was added during Advent.

Pastor Annika took Study Leave May through July. Her leadership was enhanced by traveling experiences that provided many new worship, interview, and research opportunities. She shared and will continue to share these experiences with the congregation. Pastor Edward and guest pastors/speakers, lead services during this time.

Alternative worship times were discussed throughout the year. The committee is always in discussion regarding what is best for the entire congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Leischner, Chair
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