Worship and Music Committee Report 2018

Members: Donna Augspurger, Marcia Grant, Annette Griffith, Kathy Leischner,
Val Rathje, Cindee Wachter
Music Directors: Bob Arp, Lee Augustine, Stuart Gausman
Pastors: Annika Lister Stroope, Edward Yang

This committee worked to organize a program of worship services, prepare the sacraments, and enhance the spiritual atmosphere of the church.

Members of the W & M committee met monthly or as needed. We made thoughtful decisions regarding regular and special worship services, music, environment, liturgy, and communion. The pastor and music directors are ex officio members of the committee and participate in all planning and discussions.

The chancel choir, bell choir, special music groups and soloists participated in worship services throughout 2018. The children's puppet ministry and youth bell choir also helped lead worship with enthusiastic voices, actions, and songs. We are thankful for all of our talented musicians and actors at Federated.

We have cared for the sacristy and live plants were added to the sanctuary. Thank you to those who have willingly shared their plant care and decorating talents for regular and special worship services.

Ecumenical Lenten lunch services were held at the Methodist Church and hosted by several churches.

Summer brought a change in worship time from 9:30AM to 10:00AM with Sunday School at 9:00AM.

Special services included a Thanksgiving ecumenical service on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving Day, at 4PM at Federated.   During Advent, we hosted an ecumenical Blue Christmas service for those dealing with loss during the holidays.

We want to thank the Technology Committee for working faithfully to meet the media needs of our congregation. These knowledgeable members have been committed to upgrading the media in the sanctuary, and we look forward to enjoying the improvements in 2019.

The Committee welcomes input from all members and tries to always provide a meaningful worship experience for all attending.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathy Leischner