

## WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Throughout the year, our committee attended to many of the details required to provide a welcoming and meaningful worship experience. Much of the work is accomplished "behind the scenes". Members met monthly via zoom through March and then in person to organize and accomplish various tasks.

### Worship Transition:

°Beginning May 24th Masks for services became optional.

°Bibles were returned to the pews June 1st.

°On August 24, 2021, Bill Royer was appointed Head Usher by the Governing Council. W & M Committee members are helping Bill obtain ushers by each member taking a two-month period calling for ushers and coordinating with Bill. Usher duties are being updated.

°Communion was prepared throughout the year, first with individual packages.

°Starting September 2nd and 5th communion is being prepared as usual using the plates and trays.

°Songbook and Friendship Booklets were returned to the pews beginning the November 7th service.

°Hearing Access has been discussed throughout the year. Bags with new ear buds are nicely arranged in the Usher's room and extra batteries restocked.

°Bell Choir resumed with several selections performed on October 31st.

°Chancel Choir resumed with an anthem performed on November 21st.

°Lee Augustin resigned as church organist and James Sharpe has assumed the organist responsibilities.

### New Purchases:

°In memory of J.R. Curry, through his memorial funds liquid paraffin oil candles adorn Communion Table.

°Monies to obtain liquid paraffin Advent Candles were granted from some of the "Cookies 'N More" profits.

°New banners will adorn our sanctuary throughout the year and for years to come.

°A 12 foot Christmas tree for the Narthex.

°New bows adorn the large wreaths that hang on the East and West walls of the Sanctuary.

°The Advent wreath has new bows.

### Special Services for 2021 included:

\*\* Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Services

\*\*Confirmation Sunday, May 2nd with individual communion packages

\*\*Graduation Sunday, May 23rd.

\*\*November 7th Heritage Sunday

\*\*Ecumenical Blue Christmas Service on December 16th

\*\*Christmas Eve Services - Young at Heart Service at 5:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall and a traditional service with Communion served and battery operated tea light candles at 8:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary.

### Updated Criteria:

1. Non-Member Special Music payment criteria submitted to the Governing Council approved the following: Any Non-Member individual or group that performs one or two song pieces as special music will be paid \$75.00 for the performance. (Ex. Anthem & Offertory)
  2. Any Non-Member individual or group that performs special music throughout our Church Service in place of our organist, including but not limited to the prelude, hymns, anthem, offertory and postlude will be paid \$200.00 for their Service participation. (Jazz Band, Etc.)
- NOTE: (Mileage to be paid above a 25-mile radius at current Federal guideline, not to exceed

\$100.00)

3. Church Members performing individually or in a group will not be compensated.

As a Committee we realize that COVID is still offering challenges. Keeping everyone safe and comfortable is a constant objective. Optional masking, social distancing, and service format, including singing, needs to meet the changing times. We are trying to bring the familiar back while being sensitive to virus consequences.

**Committee Members:** Carol Bennett; Dave Melick; Barb Sanderson and Sue McClure; Sharyn Beard and Shirley Johnson; Staff: Rev. Edward Yang, Bob Arp, Stuart Gausman; James Sharpe and Lee Augustin (Through August)

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Wagner, Chair