

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT 2019

Members: Chair Kathy Leischner, Donna Augspurgen, Carol Bennett, Wayne McCormick, Cindee Wachter, Val Rathje, Roberta Saalfeld

Music Directors: Bob Arp, Lee Augustin, Stuart Gausman

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

The Worship & Music committee meets the first Tuesday of the month. Music, environment, liturgy, communion and attendee involvement are all taken into consideration as we thoughtfully meet, plan and discuss. 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.

Columbus Jazz Band, Puppet Ministry, Youth Bells, and other talented musicians participated in worship in 2019. The Vocal Choir assists in leading worship three Sundays a month and the Bell Choir one Sunday a month. These choirs consist of talented musicians with extensive to no musical training. They welcome all who love to sing and/or ring, and enjoy the comradery of creating joyful music together.

Ecumenical Lenten lunch services were again held at the Methodist church. Pastor Edward participated in leading one of the services.

The Thanksgiving ecumenical service was held on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving day, at 4PM at St Luke's. An ecumenical Blue Christmas service for those dealing with loss, was held at Federated the second Thursday of December.

Our committee took on the responsibility of contacting ushers for weekly and special services this year. Each member also prepared communion several times throughout the year and organized/cleaned the sacristy. A sub-committee added greenery to the space under the screens. A new Welcome flag waves outside to invite the community to worship and special events.

Installation of sanctuary screens and projection was completed in the Spring of 2019 thanks to the expertise of the Technology Committee. This has been a wonderful addition to worship.

Pastor Edward has taken on the position of temporary head pastor this past year. We thank him for his dedication and leadership.

Thank you to all who faithfully served in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Leischner, Chair