

**Brecksville United Methodist Church**  
**Worship Committee**  
**July 28, 2008**

Present: Joy McGuire, Lynn Hobzek, Marisol Wylie, Jeff Schillo, Cathy Buttolph, Jane Petrie

Lynn opened with prayer at 7:35 pm. Welcome of new and introduction of all members followed. The timeline created by Joy from the June meeting was given to those present. Minutes will be taken by members on a rotating basis.

**Hospitality Team** - Jeff, Cathy & Joy - There are currently three team captains with two more needed: Jeff & Marilyn Schillo, Les & Cathy Buttolph, Sue & John Dietrich. It will be the teams responsibility to make members and visitors comfortable with the transition. In addition to the general ushering duties each team will greet members and direct them to different activities in the building. If the need arises the teams should be aware of parking options. The team captains will be asked to attend our Worship meetings and should therefore receive minutes from the previous meetings.

**Transition Task Force** - Cathy Buttolph - Many reminders of the transition on September 14 have been utilized over the past month, e.g. hand fans, Sunday moments, and The Good Word newsletter dedicated to the transition. A brochure @ VBS will serve as a reminder, as will a banner on the Route 21 side of the church. Each family will receive information on the all church town meeting on September 7. Grade specific target mailings regarding Sunday School issues will be sent.

**August Worship Schedule** - Joy

August 3: 10 am worship w/ the summer choir.

August 10: 8:30 am pet blessing @ outdoor worship. 10 am worship.

August 17: 10 am worship . Joy will be out of town.

August 24: 8:30 am final outdoor worship in the Metro Park.

August 31: 10 am worship.

September 7: last 10 am summer worship. Town meeting/panel discussion/building tour/pancake breakfast after.

**Dates to support during August**

August 25 : 9 am, refresh and organize Christmas decorations. Joy will purchase plastic containers for storage. Also, we will try to assess the sanctuary for new decorating ideas. Joy will check w/ fire department to see if we can have a live Christmas tree.

August 28: Worship Arts picnic 6 pm @ the parsonage.

**Purpose/Goals of the Worship Committee** - Lynn - We will try to establish a purpose statement over the next several months. It will help us establish this if we are more aware of the congregation's reaction to the service. Please bring any comments and suggestions to this committee.

## **Comments & Observations**

- The Good Word dedicated to the transition was well received. It was requested that a mention of the summer hours and outdoor worship schedule could have been included.
- Use of the projection screens was not as well received by some members of this committee who thought it detracted from the worship service. Joy explained the screens will not be down all the time. The goal is to use it mainly for the 8:45 am service but not for the 11:15 service. The congregation can then go to whichever service is more appealing to them.
- There was some discussion on the length of this past Sunday service but it was hoped that members would be understanding since it was YSP's presentation on their mission trip.
- We also discussed the repetition of songs. Perhaps singing the same verse three times is too many. It adds to the length of time the congregation must stand.
- Jane Petrie questioned our yellow page ad. No one knew what was advertised. Jane also discussed placing a plaque over the church entrance doors with a welcome and the pastor's name. The suggestions will be referred to the appropriate committees.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 pm.

Next meeting is August 25 @ 7:30 pm.