

Brecksville United Methodist Church
Worship Committee
November 24, 2008

7:35 pm - Present: Lynn Hobzek, Karen Oehl, Joy Fenton, Jane Petrie, Marisol Wylie, Greg Decker, Brenda Calovini, Ruth McDonel, Cathy Buttolph

The October minutes were approved with corrections.

The mission statement was approved and the goals were tweaked.

Mission Statement: The *Worship Committee is a representative of the congregation that works with the staff to provide a meaningful and inspiring worship experience that pays reverence to God.*

Goals:

1. Develop a plan to recruit and train ushers & greeters and implement within the 2008-09 year.
2. Decide on Paraments for the Communion table and curved walls.
3. Decorate church with fresh ideas for Christmas, Easter, Lent, World Communion, Sunday, etc.

Jane will have a full staff of ushers for the Christmas services. She will post a 6 week schedule on the cupboard door in the parlor and send out postcards as reminders. The team captains will receive a postcard also, as communication with them has been insufficient. Lynn will fill the greeter positions both upstairs and down for Christmas services. There will be seats roped off for both ushers & greeters during the Christmas services. The greeters are reminded of their commitment through Email or a phone call, the team captains are informed of their greeters via Email. Discussion ensued on how to recruit ushers - with help from team captains, ushers as deacons, ushers enlisted on a regular basis, use members-at-large if possible, continue sign up sheets in Adult Education classes. This is still a work in progress and open to suggestions.

Second service coffee hour was deemed a positive experience and appreciated by the congregation. We will continue to provide that service.

A sign up sheet for the following was passed around:

- December second service coffee hours
- December 1, 7 pm - Christmas decorating
- December 13, 4 pm - poinsettia decoration
- December 21, after each service - poinsettia distribution
- January 6 - 11 am, take down decorations

Special December services:

- December 3, 7:30 pm - Advent Service
- December 24 - 5 pm, 7 pm & 9 pm, Christmas services
- December 28 - 10 am, one service

Pastor's report: Karen encouraged all to attend the special Advent Service on December 3rd. It is the staff's gift to the congregation.

Music director's report: Joy said Chris Galinski's recital was well attended (about 65) and enjoyed by all. Joy hopes to meet with Lisa Drew and high school age members after the first of the year to encourage teen involvement in worship.

Brenda Calovini pointed out that another sound person is needed and we should all be alert to anyone interested and/or qualified.

Adjourned @ 8:40

Submitted by Lynn Hobzek

Next meeting: February 23, 7:30 pm.