

Brecksville United Methodist Church

Worship Committee

June 22, 2009

7:30 Present: Karen Oehl, Joy Fenton, Lynn Hobzek, Marisol Wylie, Bev Huber, Ruth McDonel, Brenda Calovini, Cathy Buttolph

The April minutes were approved.

The 8:30 summer service has been well attended with between 30-60 each week. The liturgist is also acting as usher/greeter. It was suggested that the liturgist also wear name tag and welcome ribbon so to be easily identified. The 10:00 summer service is averaging approximately 175. Much discussion ensued regarding hospitality captains. It was decided that a captain will be sought for each service, instead of one captain for each Sunday. Karen will find the additional captains. Joy will survey the youth to see if there is any interest in ushering. If so, youth would be paired with an adult who would mentor and train. It may be feasible to request ushers/greeters in our bulletins and possibly The Good Word. Two training sessions would be preferable to allow all ushers/greeters a chance to attend. One is already scheduled for August 22 @ 10 am.

The guest organist through May worked out very well. A regular organist will be sought this summer to begin the Fall schedule. The 2nd service will remain traditional. The drummer has been well received and enjoyed during the 10 am summer service. An attempt to tone down the volume of the drums during the prelude will be made. Ushers should be informed that certain areas of the sanctuary are louder than others. Guitarists Brandon Calovini (10 am) and Craig Kotnik (8:30 service) have also been enjoyed.

The fire drill in May went well. It was noted that there is a large step down off the nursery school exit, perhaps an additional slab can be laid down to make 2 shorter steps. The east door off the sanctuary will remain no exit during a fire emergency. There is a large step down from that door also and the hallway is used for storage, so the fire department would not approve it as an exit.

Council on Ministries report: There will be a ministry fair in January with the goal being a service commitment from each member of our congregation. Two committees have been dissolved - Koininia & Youth Board. Church & Society will be considered next year. An attempt will be made to streamline Ad Board and COM so folks will have less meetings to attend.....maybe combine the two committees or have them meet quarterly but on the same night. A pre-consultation with a marketing person has been scheduled to help our church decide how to market our assets.

Marisol would like to see more information offered on our new members. Karen is happy to comply.

Bev is honoring her thirteen acolytes at this Sunday's service. The children have served all year, including summer, and have been a joy to have at our services.

Children and communion was discussed. Karen wants children and their families to feel welcome and will continue to offer communion to all. The children are educated on the meaning of communion in Sunday School, Godly Plays, Sprouts education, and a 5th grade sacraments class.

Lynn thanked her committee for all their hard work and effort over the past year.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:45. Next meeting tentatively July 27, 7:30 pm.