

Worship and Music Committee - August 17, 2022

Present: Randy Churchill (Chair), Allison Johnson (Council Liaison), Carol Broderick, Sonja Demeter, Vicky Edell, Mary Kienitz

Absent: Marion Cole

Staff: Pastor Julie, Carol Browning

Meeting Called to Order with prayer at 1:15 p.m.

Praying for Marion Cole: Marion is in a skilled nursing facility, hoping to stay there a little longer for the therapy. She's grateful for our prayers.

Usher Ministry: Vicky Edell, our volunteer co-coordinator, is a welcome addition to the Worship & Music Committee. Everyone expressed their gratitude to Vicky for her hard work and enthusiastic ministry efforts. Randy shared that Scott Fajnor, head usher, has put together an outline and instructions for the greeters and ushers. Vicky and Pastor Julie are going to meet with Scott to review the materials.

Altar Guild: Carol Broderick said that she is recruiting additional members for the Altar Guild and realizes that it's important for her to socialize after worship to get to know new people. She is working with Vicky Edell on SignUps for the Altar Guild assignments.

She raised the question of purchasing distilled water for the font on a regular basis. The water gets dirty and also evaporates quickly and we need to use distilled water so the minerals in plain water don't stain the font. Randy offered to bring Living Source distilled water from his home; thank you to Randy for his generosity.

Masks: There was some discussion about the current masking guidelines, however, the Executive Committee meets monthly and discusses this issue. We are following the Ventura County guidelines of masking being strongly recommended. Pastor Julie urged everyone to follow their own conscience and to celebrate the Body of Christ worshipping together and try to see where God is.

Worship Service: Various opinions about traditional and contemporary worship were shared. Pastor Julie suggested we try the discipline of looking for the Holy Spirit working in our congregation (senior adult ministry, the abundance of young families, etc.). It's easy to go down to a mode of discontent instead of seeing what is positive.

Linda Frantz Bequest: Pastor Julie informed the group that Linda Frantz left over \$8,000 to Mount Cross' Worship & Music. Many ideas for the use of this gift were shared.

Christmas Worship: This year, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. We'll have one 5:00 p.m. worship on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, and our regular 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 25 (maybe a Lessons & Carols format).

Next meeting time: Wednesday, October 12, at 1:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 2:32 p.m.

Notes respectfully submitted by Pastor Julie Morris.