

Worship Team Notes 9/30/18

In attendance: Roger, Laura, Pam, Jason, Brad, Wendi, Jen, Malia

- I. Brad opened the meeting in prayer.
- II. We talked about upcoming issues with October and November.
 - A. World Communion Sunday 10/7 will happen with the jigsaw puzzles.
 1. Malia suggested having servers from around the world.
 2. Brad will have the tables for the puzzles set up.
 - B. October 21 Scripture will be Luke 8: 26-39
 - C. November 25 Brad will preach
- III. Advent and Christmas
 - A. Theme: Prepare the Way
 1. We talked about using the traditional wreath this year with the same candles as last year.
 2. Jen will recruit families/groups to light the wreath each week, as usual.
 3. Readings for the families are important but could be shortened from last year.
 4. For decorations, we are imagining the wreath and garlands as usual. We would like to see a return of the Nativity sets in the Narthex. In addition, to go along with the theme, we hope there can be a road that builds each week or a compass where a new quadrant is decorated each week. If we go with the road, it might come up the center aisle and proceed through the chancel. If we go with the compass, it might hang near the cross.
 5. We talked about an image of a road being the central image that goes on all our marketing materials (postcards, bulletins, banners, facebook, website, etc.)
 - B. December 2 we will have communion, so we need the rails put up. Scripture will be Matthew 3:1-10. Laura will preach
 - C. December 9 we will have a children's nativity story in 1st service and a choir/bell choir cantata in 2nd service. There will not be a separate Scripture or sermon in either service that day.
 - D. December 16 Brad will preach. Laura recommends Matthew 1:18-23. Bells will play again this week.
 - E. December 23 Brad will preach. Laura recommends Matthew 2: 1—6. We will plan to have Christmas music predominantly by then, as opposed to Advent. There is no reason not to sing Christmas music throughout Advent, but whatever transition from Advent to Christmas there is, will be mostly done by December 23.
 - F. December 24 the evening services and their schedule provided a deep discussion topic.
 1. It was decided that Roger and Jason would ask the other members of their groups what their preference is.
 - a. One option is to have a 5, 7, and 9 pm service as we have in the past. 5pm would be for families with piano only. 7pm would be with band. 9pm would be with piano and organ and communion and maybe choir and/or bell choir. If we go with this option, Brad and Laura will divide the services and each service will have one pastor.

- b. The other option is to have two services. Probably that would be a 5pm service for families and then one combined service for adults at 7pm, 8pm, or 9pm. If we go with this option, Brad and Laura will probably both attend both services.
 - i. Reasons for this would be that a small attendance on Christmas Eve is disheartening and depressing, it's less work for a smaller staff, and everyone gets home earlier off the roads
 - ii. Reasons against this include that everyone loves "their" Christmas Eve schedule and change is hard.
- c. We are hoping to have feedback from the musicians by October 11th so we can start to make the marketing materials and staffing choices.
- 2. In either case, we need to know whether food is needed between services and of someone is willing to provide it.
- 3. There are plenty of candles for the candlelight Silent Night.
- G. December 30 Vince will preach. Laura and Brad are both gone. There will be one service at 10am.
- IV. We also discussed the combined worship experience in general.
 - A. Some are concerned that combining worship means that those seeking one or the other don't have the opportunity to worship as they expect, and that what we are providing to the community is inconsistent and unreliable (branding argument)
 - B. Some are noticing that the congregations enjoy being together. The suggestion was made that we might want to try combining worship styles on a Sunday morning that is not a holiday when we would expect low attendance so that everyone has the opportunity to worship together and experience the gifts of the larger group. No decision was made.
 - C. There is some energy around having the band play on choir pieces and the choir sing on band pieces. However, there isn't much energy around having the band attend the 11am service or the choir attend the 9am service.