Worship Services Team – Annual Report—June 2019

During 2018-19, the Worship Services Team met each month to review past services, plan upcoming services and provide feedback and support to Rev Pam Philips.

WSC Chair: Stephen Henninger (Rhonda Johnson served as chair until November)

Members of Worship Services Committee: KC Arceneaux, Nancy Bodenhorn, Kristine Reid and Arthur Snoke. Also includes Worship Associates: Hayden Catlett, Stephen Henninger, Kimberley Homer, Earle Irwin, Jim Kern, David Lally, Ellen Plummer, and Victoria Taylor

Purpose of the Committee: The Worship Services Team coordinates, oversees, and executes an annual program of quality worship services that nurture, inspire, and challenge the Congregation to grow spiritually and intellectually. Within the committee, the Worship Associate program exists to recruit, train, and support lay worship leaders to work closely with the Minister to assist in the development and delivery of Sunday services. In the absence of the Minister, the Worship Associate is responsible for coordinating all elements of the worship service with the guest speaker and among all who have Sunday morning responsibilities. Participation in the program is by application and approval of the Minister, and participation provides an opportunity for the personal spiritual growth of the Associates.

Achievements:

- 1. Arranged 13 services, which included 12 guest ministers and speakers and 1 led by the worship associates. Collaborated with Rev. Pam on regular Sunday services and special services throughout the year.
- 2. Focused more attention on multigenerational services, making them more multi-sensory and interactive.
- 3. Held a worship elements/sermon writing workshop for Worship Associates to improve their skills and knowledge and prepare them to write and deliver sermons.
- 4. Started using an electronic feedback form (google form) to collect responses to the services more quickly and helps our meetings be more efficient and effective.
- 5. Provided support and feedback to Rev. Pam

Expenses through June 30, 2019:

Guest Speakers \$3300.00,

Guest Musicians \$1050.00,

Worship Associates \$2.41

Sunday Services \$98.06 (flowers, etc)

*Although funds for Choir, Sound, Advent Garden and Earth Spirit Sisters are budgeted with Worship, these expenses are not administered by the Worship Service Team and are not included in this report.

Goals for 2019-20

- 1. Continue developing the Worship Associates program. Work with Rev. Pam to continue the training, promotion of reflective practice, and community building within the WA's that leads to inspiring worship experiences.
- 2. Work with Rev. Pam to implement a process to invite new Worship Associates and retire long-time Associates.
- 3. Coordinate more with the choir director and pianist to better integrate musical elements.