

The Worship Committee met on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 5:00 PM.

Present were: Kay Ball, Dave Gemmill, Allison Fisher, Catharine Joyce, and Paul Tait.

The meeting opened at 5:00 p.m. with prayer.

The first **Saturday evening service** on September 12 was sparsely attended. Thoughts to be considered are:
an earlier starting time or a different week day

use the courtyard – weather permitting

a weekly service (rather than monthly) – easier to remember

are we a large enough parish to support three services -

our sense of community may suffer

The next Saturday evening service is set for October 17, 2009.

Consensus is a **Youth Service** on October 25 is a good idea. Youth have been reminded to contact ushers, greeters, etc. who are scheduled for that Sunday.

The **Ministries schedule** has been reviewed and is in Dawn's hands.

Suggestions were made for the service for **Founder's Day**. All are enthusiastic about the 1789 Eucharist. Consensus is that readings from the King James Version of the Bible would be appropriate and well received. It is hoped that the Founders and the past Senior Wardens would be introduced during the service.

In light of a Baptism scheduled for All Saints Day Sunday, we considered the usual **memorial service activities** to be more appropriate the following Sunday, November 8th. Invitations will be sent from the office to those families who have had a loved one die within the past year. Carnations will be given to the families during the service and there will be a short service following the liturgy in the Memorial Garden.

The **Pet Blessing** is to be held in the courtyard on October 4th. Water and treats need to be available for the pets. Given the number of pets and the difficulty of keeping them engaged in the service, it is strongly suggested that the service be shortened as much as possible. Having a Morning Prayer service helps to that end. Joe Sharp has lined up Dr. Jen Croce, from South Suburban Animal Clinic to speak. Perhaps her talk could be in place of a sermon. Hymns could be limited to one or two well-selected verses. The Membership Committee is handling the advertisement in the community and new signs for the front of the church.

Looking Ahead: Activities for Advent might include an organ concert by Lyle, perhaps incorporated with other instrumentals or a combined choir presentation. Consensus is to wait til next year to ask Mary Wolfe for another art presentation.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Worship Committee will be Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Peace,
Allison Fisher