

The Worship Committee met on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 5:00 PM.

Present were: Kay Ball, Marj Baril, Dave Gemmill, Allison Fisher, Bob Huber, Ken Pepin, and Mindy Withrow

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

Budget requests were considered. Given expenses for special things like the Seder meal, Pentecost, memorial services, Lenten stipends for speakers, etc., we chose to raise the budget request from \$100.00 to \$500.00. To date, many of these expenses have been charged off to other accounts.

The **noise level** in the Narthex before the 10:00 o'clock service was addressed. In an attempt to respect the quiet time for those seated early, the choir will gather in the Parish Hall, the door to the library will be kept closed while the children are gathering, and the ushers will greet at the doors near the kitchen (with the doors remaining open).

The **Advent** Evensong service will have extra candles and reduced lighting to help set the mood. The Advent sermon series is based on "It's A Wonderful Life". Advent candles will be lit as part of the children's gathering at the start of the service.

The **Christmas services** will remain the same – the 5:00 children's service focuses on the family and children and is well attended. The 10:30 service will be advertised as such, rather than 11:00, and there will be a 10:00 Holy Eucharist service on Christmas Day.

A **service of Lessons and Carols** will be held at 10:00 on December 27th, the Sunday after Christmas. The service is from The Book of Occasional Services. There will be no change to the 8:00 service. Several lectors will be needed and NO Eucharistic minister is necessary.

Ideas **for Lenten programs** were discussed. Catherine Huber is willing to lead a series on selected Gospel texts (both serious and humorous). Inviting speakers on various spiritual disciplines (kinds of prayer, acts of service, fasting, journaling, etc.) was also suggested.

There was a request to repeat the Monday night **Bible Study** for the Wednesday afternoon group.

The "pause" written into each of the **Prayers of the People** will be extended to provide time for personal intercessions either silently or aloud. Directions will be added in the bulletin.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 6:10 p.m.

The next meeting of the Worship Committee will be Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. NOTE THE NEW TIME.

Peace,
Allison Fisher