

# Worship & Music Committee meeting [online: via Zoom](#) Aug. 7, 2022

Present: Sherry Scheider, Pastor Scott, Carolyn Ciaccio, Linda Longardner, and Susie Smalley

Pastor opened the meeting with a reading from Colossians.

## **Old Business:**

- † pre-filled communion kits - Pr. Storck thanks us! The left-over kits will be used for other meetings.
- † flower chart - Sherry added dates on the flower chart through the end of the calendar year. Flowers will be provided only on those dates that people have signed up. Sherry will contact Pepper Creek when needed.
- † substitute accompanist: Susie emailed Linda mid-July, asking when she was thinking of taking her next day off. Linda responded with her next two dates: Aug. 21 and Oct. 23. Neither of them is a festival Sunday and both are before the next busy church season. Susie then called Pauline Cultra (who in June, sounded very excited at the prospect of subbing for us in the future and asked to be contacted again), however she was not available on either day. Susie then emailed Marti Bein, who said she'd be available to do both dates.

## **New Business:**

- † readers: Sherry is concerned about the lack of people signing up to read and wonders if it's because they also need to assist with communion. Though nobody has heard that feedback, we discussed separating the two positions (reader and communion assistant) into two different sign-ups, however we suspect that we will be in a similar situation only this time with TWO positions that aren't being filled! We will keep things as is, and if need be, we will just have one communion assistant if there is no one to fill in.  
[The three on this committee (who are not the accompanist and the pastor) have all said that they can be called on to assist anytime they are there, as I'm sure others in the congregation would do as well.]
- † invitation to baptism bulletin insert: Pastor created a form, to be inserted into the bulletin, on which people could sign up to:
  - Prepare to be baptized
  - Prepare their child(ren) to be baptized
  - Be a baptismal sponsor
  - Deepen their baptismal relationship with God
  - Pray for baptismal candidates and the newly baptized on their faith journey
  - Spread the word about preparing for baptism
  - Provide resources for preparing and celebrating baptism
  - Learn about joining our Shepherd of the Valley congregation

He wanted some feedback, and we discussed ways in which he could change the insert to make it more concise or to clarify.

- † Season of Creation: We will again be using the Season of Creation readings during the month of September. Sherry asked about having those readings during the Season of Creation shared ahead of time so she (and others) could prepare for Bible study. Pastor said he could do that.
- † setting: We are now using setting 8 and will continue to do so through the end of August. Linda suggested that, during the Season of Creation, we create our own 'setting' by picking and choosing songs under the Service Music section of our hymnal. Pastor noted it would truly be a "season of creation"! He also suggested we continue that setting up until Advent.

Meeting was closed with prayer.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022 at 1pm, via Zoom**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susie Smalley