

**CUUF Worship Committee
Annual Report
Monday, April 22, 2019**

Committee Members

Megan Perrine (co-chair), Hans Veenendaal (former co-chair, Worship Coordinator), Meghan Salmon-Tumas (co-chair), Marilyn Einspanier, Jan Perkins, Jenise Swartley, Evan Flom, David Saetre

Mission Statement

“Building around the UU principles, the Worship Committee will provide a rich and varied array of services to inspire and enrich the our spiritual and intellectual life, and in so doing engage and involve a broad base of members, friends, and visitors in presenting the services.”

Function

- Meet approximately four times per year as a group. Choose dates for upcoming services (including special services), set minister’s speaking dates, discuss options for guest speakers. Individuals serve as contacts for guest speakers. Once someone is confirmed the Worship Coordinator works with them to line up details.
- Find lay leaders for individual services (Megan)
- Find individuals to decorate the altar and worship space
- Build a record of individuals interested in coordinating, reading, decorating, song-leading, etc. Goal is to involve a variety of individuals in each service – different ages, students, regular members, new members, new attendees.
- Keep records of past services and details (including speakers, coordinators, costs, music, attendance, etc.) Maintain on-line documents for this record keeping.

David’s Role

Not a member of worship committee, but an integral part in guiding services, finding speakers, giving input on worship structure. David took responsibility for all “Other Sunday” services (not part of Worship Committee).

2018 – 2019 Statistics

- 18 services
- David speaker for 9 services and emcee for Holiday Service
- 8 Guest speakers (two through Music Committee – Tom Clowes and Peter Mayer)
- Average attendance: 92 (does not include Holiday Service - 193 and blizzard service - 38)
- Continue to have larger average attendance than active membership - unusual for many religious communities
- Yay to Ed for counting heads every Sunday!

Of Note for 2018 – 2019

- Transition to Alvord

- New (more!) storage space
- Altar Play workshop with Rev. Laurie Bushbaum on enhancing worship space
- Forming sub-committee on worship space aesthetics

Challenges

- Finding new individuals to take part in all levels of worship creation, from planning to coordinating, reading and leading, set-up and decoration AND continuing to involve regular members and friends
- Maintaining communication network: committee members, minister, speakers, coordinators, lay readers/leaders, fellowship assistant, newsletter editor, webmaster, printer, treasurer Northland College, newspaper

Coming Up for 2019 – 2020

- Tentative dates for next season, with Fall being mostly set already.
- 18 services
- David in 2019 and working with a new minister in 2020
- Continuing to develop our worship space in the Alvord