**Minutes of October 4, 2023 Meeting of the Worship & Music Committee**

**In Attendance:**  Adeline Bailey, Kat Hawbaker, Nancy Luthy, Martha McGovern, Suzyn Mills

**Theme Question for 2023-2024:** “How could we tire of hope? – so much is in bud.”

“Beginners” by Denise Levertov #648

Chalice Lighting:

1. Minutes of September were approved – with correction that Randall Kidder was not present.
2. Assessment on progress with methods of increasing involvement:

* Martha will continue in efforts to recruit and line up Worship Associates in time for The Confluence.
* Time for All Ages – team, schedule, suggested readings

Time for All Ages is included in all services (as is possible). We will start a list of recommended books (often featured in a worship service) to be shared as a reference.

Other actions are to request suggestions from members and friends (Emily Keller is willing to help. Cindy Burton) and to provide additional guidance on how most effectively to present children’s books,

1. The Committee discussed having books relevant to a topic or season on display and available for loan. We will set up a table in Social Hall and provide a simple sign-up with title of book, name of borrower and contact (telephone or email). Martha has talked with Dawn about stamping the books as property of FUUSM and creating a sign-up/return form in paper form as well as electronic form. Kat has put some books on display and has devised a temporary check-out station.
2. Correspondence: Martha – Thank you notes for LeeAnn Gallucci (October 1), Denise Thomas (October 8) and Robin Bozian (September 24) have been sent.
3. Financial Matters:

The Committee has approved paying Steve and Susan Free $100 as guest musicians on November 12. Adeline will make arrangements.

The Committee approved reimbursement of $319.85 to Choir Director Martha Webster to purchase of Choir music. It will be charged to the General Music Special Fund.

1. Reflection on Recent Worship Service/Event:

What went well : Committee Fair – **We thank Nancy Luthy for taking the lead.** The Fair was well organized, well attended with positive interactions throughout the room, and productive. We have two sign-ups (Virginia Henthorn and Betsy Liller) for membership on the W & M Committee and helping with Time for All Ages and serving as Worship Associate. Virginia also signed up to be on the Design & Decoration Special Task Force as did Stephanie Rector. Adeline reported that several signed up to be Greeters and to help with preparation for the Holiday Card Project.

What to improve, change:

1. We are still unsure how to deal with Facebook Live and Facebook in terms of interaction, privacy, permitted content, and outreach, and, with feedback from users collected, will continue discussion at a future meeting.

On Facebook, is there another way to convey announcements to that audience – e.g., a link, a screen share display? For Joys & Sorrows and connection, how can we encourage interaction, such as that on Zoom or in-person? Should/can the service be recorded and then only selected parts posted on Facebook or YouTube?

1. Annie -- Chalice Lighter Grant plans: The kick-off reflection for Active Hope workshops was August 27. Adult RE discussions will be scheduled for January, February, March, April. The spring workshop will be led by Hilary Krivchenia, Amy Davis, and Laurel Hobson.

Major initiatives for the RE program will concentrate on the middle school-aged young people and will be monthly art as well as family events with child care provided (e.g., library, healthy foods, game night, bowling, movie night, theatre night). A formal RE curriculum will have a longer lead-up time. Reflection in November by RE Director from Wooster, OH will provide some direction.

**PATTERN:** 1st Sunday – Bring a Guest, 2nd Sunday – Social Justice, 3rd Sunday – Green Sanctuary

**SEPTEMBER (Welcome, Repair)**

**\*3** *LABOR DAY*Finding Ourselves in Changing World of Work **WL: Martha McGovern**

**10 Kat –** ALL AGES Water CommunionWA: Rebecca Phillips

15 Rosh Hashanah

**17 Kat -** Yom Kippur On Repentance & RepairWA: Kelcey Jacobs

**Choir**: “Always a Place for You” – w&m by Philip Silvey

24 Yom Kippur begins at sundown

**24 Kat -** Robin Bozian **-** Homelessness HereWA: Andrew Clovis

***SECOND COMMITTEE FAIR -*** *Committee Stations + members circulating while*

*wearing name tags with list of their involvements to spark conversations*

NANCY LUTHY will coordinate this event. Thank you, Nancy !!!

**OCTOBER (Heritage/Ancestors)**

**\*1 Kat** Sukkot Harvest metaphor + members returning WA: Rebecca Phillips

Blessing of the Animals

Guest Musician: LeeAnn Gallucci “The Magic Month”

**8 Kat** Residents Rights Month **guest speaker – Denise Thomas** WA: Maggie Meyer

on nursing homes/volunteer program dthomas@easterseals-cseohio.org

**15 Kat** LGBTQ (Little Richard documentary – Ami, Bayard Rushkin and organization

of March on Washington, The King Singers and cancellation of concert on college

campus) WA:

**Choir**: “This is Who We Are” w&m by Mark Burrows

**22 WLs: Martha & Andrew Clovis** Andover Again

***Announce BRIDGES Workshop with Jenni Papp on Nov. 5 and start sign-up.***

**29 Kat** DAY OF THE DEAD extended opening for young people WA:

Guest Musician: LeeAnn Gallucci – “Little Joe” kitty crossing into spirit world

**NOVEMBER (Generosity/ Sin & Atonement***)* Native American Heritage month

*Jenni Papp,* [dre@uufwc.org](mailto:dre@uufwc.org)

**\*5 WL: Suzyn Mills ???** guest speaker – Jenni Papp, RE director from Wooster UU

*Social Hall – during Coffee Hour, conversation with Jenni Papp*

*Buffet lunch for extended conversation – W & M Committee will*

*provide, also childcare will be available for attendees (soup,*

*sandwiches, cookies, fruit, coffee/lemonade)*

ASK ANNIE: Will funds come from Chalice Lighter Grant? $250 stipend for Jenni Papp? Payment for childcare? What hospitality can we offer?

**12 WL Team:** Adeline Bailey, Martha McGovern, + local tribal nation (Ami Rush?)

WA: Rebecca Phillips

**Choir**: “Cherokee Morning Song” A Cherokee Folk Song, arranged with

additional words and music by Michael Yannette

Guest Musician: Steve Free

**19 Kat**  ALL AGES Thanksgiving multiple contributors WA:

Time for All Ages: Sparrow’s Prayer by Roger Hutchison, Illus. by Ag Jatkowska

23 *Thanksgiving*

**26 Kat** Sharing Gratitude & Joy*Holiday Card Project Workshop* WA:

*\*Virginia Henthorn will assemble tree between Thanksgiving and December 3 service.*

***DECEMBER Hope, Peace, Joy, Love [Kat and Advent Team plan/lead together?]***

**\*3 Advent 1 HOPE Kat - Ribbon Ceremony**

Guest Musician: LeeAnn Gallucci “Forever Time”

Decoration of Sanctuary and Fence - Bare tree already assembled

7 *Hanukkah begins*

**10 Advent 2 PEACE - Adeline**

**17 Advent 3 JOY - Suzyn**

21 *Winter Solstice*

**24 Advent 4 LOVE Kat ALL AGES Brunch & Carols**

24 *Christmas Eve* **Kat & Martha Season of Light**

**Choir: “**Season of Light**”** w & mby Jacob Narverud

*25 Christmas*

26 *Kwanzaa begins*

**31 (No Kat) WL: Andrew Clovis Fire Communion** WA: Martha McG

Time for All Ages: Ten Beautiful Things by Molly Beth Griffin, Illus. by Maribel Lechuga

**2024**

**JANUARY**

**\*7 WL: Active Hope: “Service Is Our Prayer”** WA:

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**28 WL: Jay Warmke “On the Future of AI”** WA:

**FEBRUARY**

**MARCH –** Pre-recorded Reflection by Rebecca Phillips for Women’s History Month

**BRAINSTORMING:**

Future Services:

Voices from the congregation on how thankfulness is/was woven into their lives. E.g., grace

before meals, ritual at Thanksgiving gathering, nighttime meditation/prayer

Jeff Schenkel – local artist and politician

Natalia Rudiak – [natalia@reimagineappalachia.org](mailto:natalia@reimagineappalachia.org), [local@reimagineappalachia.org](mailto:local@reimagineappalachia.org)

Quaker group

Ginnie McNeil – FACT (FAith Congregations Together)

Tom Rooney – Sustainable Forestry Director for the Nature Conservancy

Nancy Luthy -- Experience with Inuit culture

Beth Casebolt

Mark Bernstein – leadership development

Pete Mather – OU professor

Steve Peck

“Open the Window, Let the Dove Fly In” could be the basis of an entire service.

Annie recommended Luther Krueger as a speaker on solar energy (Ambassador for Solar

Cookers International)

\*Cory Sampson – Reflection on topic of choice, date TBD

Mike Tager OR Mitchell Krumm – Marietta College, Political Science – guest speakers

Include a service on Ways to Meditate

Have a service with women from Uganda on Women in Agriculture (Annie Warmke)

Continue to make contacts with other faiths, cultures

Need to talk with other groups (Building & Grounds, BRIDGES) about taking part in or taking responsibility for worship service?

Establishing Chalice Circles, perhaps interest-based

Create a book of Graces, resources – for this Thanksgiving and keep adding

e.g., Darryl Ting’s Community Meal grace, *Earth Prayers, Life Prayers*

Reacquaint ourselves with our “liturgical calendar” **Shared at October meeting**

Perhaps establish quarterly goals, projects **UUA Holidays, Holy Days & Worship**

**Themes for 2022-2023 shared at October meeting**

Suggested Books:

*An American Story* by Kwame Alexander, Illustrated by Dare Coulter (Martha)

*A Grand Old Tree* by Mary Newell DePalma (Martha)

*Because of an Acorn* by Lola M. Schaefer and Adam Schaefer, Illus by Frann Preston-

Gannon (Martha)

*Breaking News* by Sarah Lynne Reul (Annie Warmke, Hilary Krivchenia)

*Folktales for a Better World: Stories of Peace and Kindness* retold by Elizabeth Laird,

illus. by Mehrdokht Amini

*I Am Golden* by Eva Chen (Martha – Migration - acceptance of Asian ethnicity)

*I Am Thankful: A Thanksgiving Book for Kids* by Sheri Wall, illus. by Holly Clifton-Brown

*If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson (Rebecca Phillips)

*Missing Kitty* by Mark Neyman

*No Time for Mother’s Day* by Laurie Halse Anderson (Martha)

*Outside In* by Deborah Underwood, Illustrated by Cindy Derby (Mark Krivchenia)

*“Slowly, Slowly, Slowly,” said the Sloth* by Eric Carle (Martha)

*Someone Builds the Dream* by Lisa Wheeler & Loren Long (Martha)

*Sparrow’s Prayer* by Roger Hutchison, Illustrated by Ag Jatkowska (Martha)

*Ten Beautiful Things* by Molly Beth Griffin, illus. by Maribel Lechuga (Martha)

*The 1619 Project: Born on the Water* by Nikole Hannah-Jones & Renee Watson, Illus. by

Nikkolas Smith (Martha)

*The Birthday of the World* by Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen (Martha – related to stories that

guide us)

*The Elephants Come Home:* A True Story of Seven Elephants, Two People, and One

Extraordinary Friendship by Kim Tomsic, Illustrated by Hadley Hooper (Martha)

*The Undefeated* by Kwame Alexander, Illustrated by Kadir Nelson (Martha)

*The Wise Fool: Fables from the Islamic World* by Shahrukh Husain & Micha Archer

(Martha)

*This Very Tree*: A Story of 9/11, Resilience, and Regrowthby Sean Rubin (Martha)

*Tikvah Means Hope* by Patricia Polacco (a story related to Sukkot) (Martha)

*Time to Fly* by George Ella Lyon (Martha – A story of nurturing and independence)

*Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt*  by Kat Messner with art by Christopher Silas Neal

(Martha)

*We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom (Martha – inspired by Native American

legends and recent actions)

*We Planted a Tree* by Diane Mulfrow*,* Illus. by Bob Staake (Martha)

*Who Counts? 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons* by Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg

Sasso, Illustrated by Margaux Meganck (Martha - A Retelling of Jesus’s parables)