

Sherando Presbyterian Church
Worship Committee
Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2005

Session Items for Review: 2005 Communion Schedule Hold two services for Easter (8:30 and 11:00)

Present: Tim Arnold, Susan Carter (Co-Chair), Heather Powers, Barbara Stickley (Acting Co-Chair)

Absent: Amy & Mark Bowden

The January Worship Committee meeting was held at SPC, opening at 7:00 p.m. (The committee did not hold a December meeting.)

The committee welcomed its new Co-Chair, Susan Carter! Amy Bowden will take a Co-Chair position also some time after Lent. In the meantime, Barbara Stickley will act in this role.

The group discussed goals for 2005. Tim suggested that we have a two co-chair structure for this committee in the future. Further, he would like to see each co-chair “specialize” in planning for one major worship celebration (Advent and Lent) so plans could take place over a one-year period and just not a few months in advance.

Worship Services of Note:

February Worship Leader: ?

March Worship Leader: ?

February 9 – Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00 p.m. Cross will be brought into the sanctuary and draped in purple. The grape vine wreaths will be placed in the windows without decoration. Tim will prepare the ash.

February 13 – March 13 – Lent – Sermon series. We will incorporate various scents as referenced in the bible for many of the services (yeast, parsley, etc. – Tim will get further information). March 6 (communion) – yeast.

March 20 – Palm Sunday

March 27 – Easter - The committee agreed to propose having 2 services (8:30 and 11:00) to the Session at its next meeting. We will move the communion table out for this day. The cross will be placed in the narthex and decorated with fresh flowers brought in by the congregation.

Upcoming Communion:

February 6 – The new **Class of 2007** - Patty Klinefelter and Susan Carter (Amy Bowden has not been installed yet) will prepare, serve and clean up. There being 3 members of this class, Rick Bierlich volunteered to help with this communion. We will find another Elder to sub for Amy.

March 6 - The **Class of 2005** (Dan Heflin, Carol Machovec, Ed Marshall, Denzil Smith) will prepare, serve and clean up.

The Class of 2007 were given training in the steps for communion this past Sunday (Amy was not able to attend, we will follow-up later).

Draft "Communion Preparation and Service Instructions" for reference by elders was distributed for review by the committee. Tim will provide an earlier version.

The Clerk and Session will be provided with a 2005 Communion Schedule for the record.

Music:

Due to recent weather cancellations and other commitments by choir members, the adult and children's choirs have not been able to rehearse or have been in low attendance on Sundays. We expect this to improve and both choirs will work toward special music for the Lent/Easter services. Heather looks forward to integrating new music in 2005 which was purchased with the help of the Worship & Music Grant last year. She also reported that the two pianos are scheduled to be tuned in about two weeks.

Ushers: Susan will take on this responsibility; she will begin on the March/April/May schedule.

Flowers and/or special decorations:

During Lent the sanctuary will not be decorated (including not having altar flowers).

Palm Fronds will be ordered by Susan for use during the Palm Sunday service.

Easter Lilies – Susan has been advised by florists that lilies may not be blooming during Easter and will be very expensive this year. The committee discussed buying a small number of lilies for the sanctuary, and then various spring flowers (tulips, hyacinths and daffodils) being offered for purchase by the congregation as memorials to decorate the church in on Easter.

Open Discussion:

Worship & Music Grant – The 2005 proposal was declined by the Presbytery. We have agreed to hold the remaining funds to be used toward a new road side sign. (An amount of \$127 will be subtracted for music ordered in October, but just received.)

Baptismal certificates – These need to be prepared by the Clerk of Session and given to Tim for baptisms in 2004.

Items for the Newsletter, Bulletin and Website:

- **Ash Wednesday Service on February 9th at 7:00 p.m.**
- February 6 Communion – Class of 2007; March 6 Communion – Class of 2005.
- Usher volunteers are needed for new schedule. Contact Susan Carter 868-0301.
- Worship Leader – Feb. & March (Check with Tim)
- Refer to upcoming service plans above – If approved Feb. 7th by Session, will have 2
- Easter Services – 8:30 and 11:00. Congregation should bring cut flowers to decorate the cross.
- In early March – will begin selling tulips, hyacinths and daffodils for memorials and used to decorate the church for Easter. (Prices will be provided later by Susan.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Our next meeting will be held on **February 28th at 7:00 p.m.**

Submitted by:

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Co-Chairman