

# Worship Team Committee Annual Report 2023-2024

**Committee Chair and Members:** Rev. Pam (Chair), Adam Magee, Cynthia Baute, Denise Martin, Earle Irwin, Ellen Plummer, Gretchen Luke, Victoria Taylor, Arthur Snoke, KC Arcenau, Kristine Reid

**Purpose of the Committee:** The program exists to recruit, train, and support lay worship leaders to work closely with the minister to assist in the development and delivery of Sunday services. In the absence of the minister, the Worship Associate is responsible for coordinating all elements of the worship service with the guest speaker and among all who have Sunday morning responsibilities. Participation in the program is by application and approval of the Minister, and participation provides an opportunity for the personal spiritual growth of all team members.

**Achievements During the Last Year:** The worship team met monthly to review services and plan for upcoming services. The worship associates held a Sunday afternoon workshop to learn about worship theory and work on the more technical aspects of the service. They have also started doing some of those aspects in preparation for Rev. Pam's sabbatical -- including the Greet Your Neighbors part of the service that requires using the webcam.

Several worship associates took the primary lead on services, writing sermons and reflections.

A highlight was creating a worship service for our stewardship breakfast that was engaging for both in-person and online participants. Worship service attendance has increased

**Lessons Learned in the Last Year:** We attempted to hold weekly 30 Days of Love Zoom gatherings, but they were not very well attended. We continue to work on improving the audio quality for those on Zoom.

**Committee Expenses for the Year:** Guest Speakers - \$675, Guest Musicians - \$825, Worship supplies (candles, flowers) - \$45, Soul Matters packets - \$520, Choir Music - \$155

**How the Committee Supports the Mission and Vision of UUC:** Worship is integral to inspiring spiritual and ethical growth, creating compassionate community, and transforming our community and the world through courageous love.

**Goals of the Committee for Next Year:** Offering meaningful worship with guest preachers and worship associates taking the lead through the minister's sabbatical and adding more diversity to the worship associates team.