

Spring Creek United Church of Christ Ministry Areas of Responsibility

Worship guidelines were updated following congregation approval on June 26, 2022 to shorten name from “Music and Worship” to “Worship” Ministry.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

The Worship Ministry is responsible for working with the Pastor(s), Music Director, and other staff to provide worship experiences that strengthen our identity as “a people of God centered in Christ” and our capacity for “responding actively to God’s love.” Mindful of the Bylaws requirement that each ministry develop an Annual Work Plan, setting priorities and proposing a budget for the year, the ministry will consider the following on-going church needs:

1. To regularly assess the worship needs of members at their various ages and stages of life, with special attention to the needs of those with disabilities that may inhibit their capacity to worship with others.
2. To annually develop a worship plan for the liturgical year (starting with Advent) that responds to our needs in the light of the Gospel, consistent with the Reformed Tradition of the UCC, and responsive to new possibilities for meaningful, contemporary worship; including a schedule of services to be approved by the Council and Congregation at its Annual Meeting; and then to implement that plan.
3. To engage lay leaders for worship in as many roles as there are gifts to share, and provide them with training, resources, and support for their ministries of reading, praying, acolyte, ushering, serving the sacraments, acting, dancing, singing, playing, or whatever they may be gifted and called to do.
4. To engage lay members in preparing for worship in as many ways as they may be gifted and called, providing them with training, resources, and support for ministries such as preparing the sacraments, decorating the space, preparing and presenting audio-visual resources, and folding bulletins.
5. To create and maintain a process whereby members and friends may offer gifts for worship such as flowers, banners, written expressions of faith, food and drink, and funds for special needs.
6. To give particular attention to providing opportunities for children, youth, elders, and persons with disabilities to offer their gifts of time, talent, and treasures for the planning and leadership of worship.
7. To secure pastoral leadership for worship in the Pastor’s absence, utilizing resources of the UCC.
8. To cooperate with the Properties Ministry in maintaining the space and equipment for worship, specifically including musical instruments, audio-visual equipment, seating, and lighting.

— end of Worship Ministry Responsibilities (1 page) —