St. Thomas
United Methodist Church

Monthly Ministry Area Report for Church Council

Our Values: *Biblically Grounded*, *Relational, Mission-Minded*, *Faithful*, *Joyful*

Our Mission: *We exist to reach, nourish, and serve the community so all may experience healing and new life through Jesus Christ.*

Our Strategic Priorities: *Worship, Christian Formation, Outreach and Mission, Administration and Support, Buildings and Grounds*

Name of Person Completing Report:
Deb Crawford

Today's Date (m/d/yy):
1/16/22

Ministry Area, Committee, Board, or Team:
Worship

1. Please note your accomplishments for this month (Please include accomplishments from tasks outlined in the Strategic Plan and Essential Systems Timeline):

   Worship committee met on 1/16 and discussed the services and events throughout Advent Season. No decisions were made for next year, but we did go over areas we felt worked well, what had room for improvement, and some things which may benefit from change. We also discussed the current increased COVID protocols, the manner in which they are impacting our various worship components, and some things to try to help make the processes better.

2. What specific items of celebration or concern would you like to share?

   We need to find some options to prevent a repeat of our services today which were not available for livestreaming.

3. What are your objectives for the next month? What church priority does each objective address?

   Work with the Trustees to resolve the lighting issues in the sanctuary.
   We need to partner with SPRC to increase technical staffing to ensure proper coverage for all worship services. We will also try to find additional volunteers to have back-ups in place when needed.
   We will meet next on 3/6 at which time we will discuss more in depth the services for Hoy Week.

4. How can the Church Council assist your efforts?

   Help enlist volunteers - a primary cncern now is a volunteer to help with dedications for the altar flowers, provide feedback regarding the in-person worship experience, encourage the members of your committees to also provide feedback on what we are doing well and how we can continue to improve.

5. What can the Church Council specifically pray for?

   That our recent growth in numbers for in-person worship be able to come back again quickly as we deal with our current increase in COVID protocols, patience from all involved as we continue to improve, more volunteers.