

Report for Church Conference
First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa, CA
October 2019

Worship Commission

Members: Miale Bridgwater, Andrea Davis, Linda Dunbar, Joanne Emery-Knight, Bonnie Howson, Linda Morrissey, Denise Rich. Staff Liaison: Pastor Lori

Meetings: First Wednesday of the month 5:00 PM in the Red Room

We maintain our SHIFT focus: From Worship as an Event to Worship as a Lifestyle. We are responsible for creating eye appealing design and décor of the Sanctuary to connect with the current sermon series and/or liturgical season.

Our ongoing duties: By preparing the worship space on a weekly basis, we change décor to the appropriate theme, according to the liturgical season or theme of sermon series (including the making and maintenance of new banners, paraments, and stoles for our pastors). Prepare and help serve communion and maintain the schedule for servers. Assist families with Memorial services. Weekly and seasonal flowers for Easter and Christmas.

For the year of 2019 we scaled back on new décor projects. As usual, we are still preparing the Sanctuary, Narthex and Fellowship Hall with appropriate décor, depending on the liturgical season, holiday, or sermon themes as appropriate using banners, flowers, and other visuals. Preparation of communion elements, and maintain the schedule for communion servers as needed. Sharing our resources from Montgomery campus with Stony Point Worship Center. Weekly clean-up after Sunday services to make sure supplies are available in the pews, including Bibles, hymnals, song books, prayer cards, and offering envelopes (We call it the Pew Patrol).

We are looking forward to our second holiday season with Pastor Lori, and are getting to know and love her, developing visuals when possible to assist/enhance the message where appropriate.

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our new All Church Cookbook, having taken orders for books, display advertising and collected recipes throughout the summer. Proceeds are to support camperships for our youth programs for 2020. Cookbooks will be available at the Snowflake Bazaar, along with beautiful hand painted aprons.

We have been handling the Mosaic Cross Project from the Angela Center and they have donated back recent proceeds to our Outreach and Service committee. Our first collection was \$610, which was donated back to the Angela Center. Our second collection of \$221 were told to donate it to our Outreach and Service committee. If you didn't get one, they will also be at Snowflake Bazaar.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Emery-Knight