

WORSHIP ASSOCIATES ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13

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Worship Associates meet once each month during the Church year. Our discussions focus on the elements involved in Sunday morning services. Our discussions are directly related to the spiritual concerns and needs of our congregation as a whole. We look at all elements of our Sunday services and determine their effectiveness in the overall outcome of each service.

The Associates actively participate by filling roles in the service as needed by our interim minister Rev. Olivia Holmes. We will assist with Words for Reflection and/or Chalice Lighting. We also help out by hosting a guest minister or leading a Sunday service if needed.

Our participation fits in with the belief that having members of the congregation in visible roles during Sunday Service creates a unified and comfortable ambience to each service.

The Associates led four services this year. The entire Worship Associate team led a November 25th service on Gratitude, and individual Associates led three other services. Gary Lerude led a service on Spirituality on Jan 6th. Kathy Fletcher led the March 24th service on "Humor is the Grace of God". And Roy Goodman led the April 21st service about "How Big is Our Tent?" In addition, Associates either hosted or assisted hosting three guest ministers: Rev. Dr Gene Reeves , Rev. Colin Bossen, and Rev. Dr. David Robins.

We have a great list of volunteers to lead our summer services this year:

Joanna Lubkin on June 9th,
Rev. Olivia Holmes on June 16th and Aug 25th,
Kathy Fletcher and Anya Zakiewicz on June 23rd,
Kathy Fletcher, Kim Steele, Gillian Hinkle, and Kathleen Griffis on June 30th,
Burns Fisher on July 7th,
Laurie Goodman on July 14th,
Bob Janules on July 21st,
Jerry Ross on July 28th,
Gary Lerude on August 4th,
John Sanders on August 11th and September 1st, and
Marty Storer on August 18th.

We remain sensitive to the needs and desires of our Church community, especially during our time of transition. All Associates are available to church members if there are any suggestions or concerns surrounding our worship services and the changes that have occurred.