

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Psalm 122 vs 1.

Music and song were an integral part of the Old and New Testament services. David introduced music into the tabernacle and temple services, (1 Chronicles 16-4-7). Here we are today continuing that ancient tradition. Music is the pillow that the Word of God rests. 2010 was a active year. We have expanded our boundaries from those ancient days. But we still have our goals to enhance our worship experience for all member and visitors.

We had the sacrament of Communion 12 times in 2010. With the help of Margaret Peery, Parish Associate, we were able to synchronize the 4 annual Communion services with Highland Farms and those who are Homebound. We displayed 6 flags of foreign countries for 4 Sundays in January–February where our church supports missionaries. We updated our Wedding procedures for members and non members. In good Presbyterian fashion



we reviewed and re-reviewed our Emergency Medical Plan which was put into effect in October 2010.

We had combined services with the Montreat church in March at our church and in August at Anderson Auditorium. May 2 was a joyous Youth Sunday. From May 30 thru August 15 we had First Light Service starting at 9:15 a.m.. Emily Wasser and Joshua Emmanuel were our Music Scholars that sang with the Chancel Choir at the 11 a.m. Service.

Two special outside banners were placed out front announcing the times for summer worship from May 30 thru August 15. There were 550 information brochures made up to inform summer guests of our activities and worship times. These brochures were also distributed in Black Mountain and Montreat. A Fall Brochure was talked about but it never came to be.

In March new hearing aids were ordered for the Sanctuary. A hearing assistance questionnaire was sent out in May. Later in the year in September with a generous donation sound equipment was installed for those who need hearing assistance

The hospitality table offered after the 8:30 service was expanded to also after the 11 am service outside in the courtyard. This hospitality table continues today each week offering snacks and drinks for all members and visitors. This is a very needed ministry to all.

New Communion trays will be a line item on the 2011 Budget. A information sheet on when things are put up in the Sanctuary was made up. In June a new information attendance sheet was reviewed that will eventually replace the Friendship pads now in use. In November a trial of this new card was placed in the 1st Light Service. The Church's web site is continually be updated by Perry and Charlotte Sprawls and Mike Barker.



Plans to deal with overflow attendance will continually be discussed. Currently the ushers are handling this matter with setting up extra chairs in the Narthex area on Sunday Morning. For First Light extra chairs are set up each week as folks arrive. Ushers training and information given to the ushers are being updated. We want to take the lead in providing and being hospitable for our members and visitors. The Greeters and the Ushers are the 1st to see a member and a visitor. The Greeters and Ushers are aware of this the first impression that they can have on others. Both services are up in attendance and this is a good thing to be experiencing. This committee is attempting to deal with these welcome issues.

Current needs in the chancel are improved risers and 3 more movable modesty panels for the safety and well being of our choir members. The Acolyte program never got started in 2010 but is a priority in 2011. Committee membership open to all who feel called to serve here. It is exciting and you can see the result of your dreams and efforts. We invite you to get involved.



A word of thanks is given to those who are involved in each area that is mentioned above. They may not attend each meeting but they are a very integral part of the Worship and Music Committee/Ministry. They have given their time and talent. Let us close as we opened: I rejoiced with those who said: "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122 vs 1.