

## 2023 Worship Committee Report

The Worship Committee met eight times in 2023 to plan worship and fellowship events. The January meeting planned the Shrove Tuesday pancake at the Rusty Bike with much help from Shannon and Leon LeMoine and many others. The plans for Ash Wednesday and Lent were a noon service on Ash Wednesday and soup lunches with a short Lenten program on 4 Wednesdays in Lent.

The February, March and May meetings planned the Palm Sunday Passion readings and service; the Maundy Thursday communion, stripping of the altar and foot washing service; a noon service on Good Friday and a celebratory Easter service. The March meeting planned a single Pentecost service at 10:30 with a picnic in the parish hall after the service. The May meeting finalized those plans.

July, September, and November saw plans made for special music with the choir returning September 10<sup>th</sup>; a planned fall picnic on October 1<sup>st</sup> to begin the stewardship campaign; the blessing of the animals.

On October 7<sup>th</sup> and the beginning plans for Advent and Christmas. It was decided to have one 10:30 service on the ADVENT 4 Sunday service followed by a 5:30 PM Christmas service of special music, readings, and communion. The second annual potluck supper would follow the evening service. It was also planned to have family readers for the lighting of the Advent wreath readings.

The December meeting was a planning session with our new priest, Fr. Jim Shumard. Mary Lu Gunn announced she was moving, and a new committee chair would be needed.

It goes without saying that none of the planning could have taken place without the help and input from all the committee members—all of whom were chairs of other committees.

Submitted by Mary Lu Gunn