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):
8/23/22

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):

   We met on 8/7 to work out plans for the fall sermon series as well as some discussion on activities through the end of the year. We went through the proposed sermon series to carry of through June 2023. Initial discussions of the services surrounding Christmas were touched upon so the members could begin thinking about those needs prior to our next meeting.

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

   We are still in need of volunteers to assist with welcoming people to worship, checking them in, greeting first time visitors, and ushers. We have been blessed with the addition of a few new liturgists, but could use a few more, especially for the 9:00 service.

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

   Request the Trustees arrange to have the wooden display boxes removed from the Sanctuary. Work 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 again on 10/16 to discuss more in depth the Veteran's day service on 11/13 as well as Hanging of the Green 11/27 through the service on 1/1/2023.

4. How can the Church Council assist your efforts?

   Make a definite effort to help enlist volunteers to assist one Sunday per month. If we could get even one person from each committee, that would be a huge help.

5. What can the Church Council specifically pray for?

   That growth in numbers for in-person worship increase; patience as we continue to improve all areas of worship; more volunteers; continued opportunities to engage with the local community to perhaps gain more interest in St. Thomas and open the doors to share Christ love with others.