

Topic: Engaged and Experiential Worship

Convener (first and last name): Jennie Deal

Contact information (email or phone number): jenniedeal@gmail.com

Participants (names of other individuals in group):

Susan Rowe, Bob Giduz, Jennie Deal, Stephanie Reustle, Lorie Herman.

Highlights and Recommendations:

Engaged- Liturgy can put a distance and habit

Not ownership

Wrote

Prayers of the people are more engaging.

Pentecostal Vision:

Use liturgy not from prayer book.

Participation- readings from within the congregation.

Like Passing of Peace in the middle of service.

Taize music during communion.

Modern music- easier to sing

Recessional hymn- upbeat and engaging

Do fewer verses

User friendly hymns

Project readings and hymns up

Same lyrics, rewrite music so it is upbeat.

Open hands to receive

Try different time with different form or worship

Garden is big enough for variety and all!

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Jennie Deal 758-9448

Stephanie Reustle sbreustle@yahoo.com

Barbara Busch barbaralei@aol.com

Susan Rowe 758-9241

Topic: Using the Enneagram to deepen Spirituality

Convener (first and last name): Don Bushman

Contact information (email or phone number): 292-9696

Participants (names of other individuals in group):

Emerson D. Sandra W.
Melinda D. Jennie D.
Lucy M. Lynn S.
Lorie H.

Highlights and Recommendations:

Read Jacob's Dream

Some other time than Sunday morning

Committed group.

From 8 meetings - a year.

Meet longer not so often, 2 hrs/every 2-3 weeks or shorter and more often.

Meet first and determine.

Hope for a spiritual support group.

Intellectually spiritually stimulating group.

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Melinda Crawford	758-5488
Don Bushman	don@donbushman.com
Stephanie Reustle	sbreustle@yahoo.com
Jennie Deal	758-9448
Laura Owens	292-9627
Doris Conn	758-1034

Topic: Impact on families on unemployment

Convener (first and last name): Doris Conn

Contact information (email or phone number): connselector@yahoo.com

Participants (names of other individuals in group): Dawn, Jim, Larry, Melissa E., Bob Giduz, Jennie Deal, Ginny Knouse

Highlights and Recommendations:

Networking opportunities

Church support to demonstrate concern for unchurched people's needs – emotional and spiritual support.

Need is great – 16% unemployment impacts on families and community:

Entrepreneurship

Transportation

Keep it simple – define one aspect “niche”

How to get unemployed to come to St. James/marketing.

Group work – support/nurturing group

Need mission defined more clearly

Work with employers to let laid off persons know

DSS- Work first can help (ESC, JobLinks, Yokefellow, Helping Hands)

Gets state funding to track how to manage retirement/COBRA, etc.

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Helen Miller 757-4546

Evelyn Beam

Topic: Liturgy and Music

Convener: Don Bushman

Contact information (e-mail or phone number): 292-9696

Participants: Evelyn B., Lucy M., Sandra W., Melissa E., Doris C., Betsy W., Jim C., Ray W., Lynn S., Susan S.,

Highlights and Recommendations:

Suggestion: Study of the book 100,000 Sundays

Responses: Conversation including:

20-40 year old members and non members

Expanding our understanding

Not to scrap what we have now

Purpose: to enliven conversation and expand appreciation of liturgy.

Do Instructive Eucharist

Music:

Because choir needs help, consider hiring musicians.

Invite young people to do music at church.

Explore other hymn books.

Broaden choice of hymns.

Look for ways to enliven music participation.

Include traditional hymns.

Study Liturgical Guide to Music

Introduce new music systematically.

Study the history of hymnology.

Look at how we use music in liturgy.

Revive a children's music program.

Let's use hand bells.

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Lucy McCarl	758-8882	Don Bushman	don@donbushman.com
Laura Owens	292-9627	Jennie Deal	758-9448
Doris Conn	758-1034	Evelyn Beam	

Topic: Physical Plant/ Landscape

Convener: Larry Bailey

Contact information (e-mail or phone number): lbailey@caa.k12.nc.us

Participants: Charlene Clark, Larry McMullen, Carl Tolbert, Sandra White, Jim Everet, Ginny Knowe, Emerson Dickey, Cheryl Dickey, Bob Giduz, Susan Strange

Highlights and Recommendations:

- 1) Weather stripping and storm windows needed to make windows more energy efficient.
- 2) Making the church inviting to prospective members-
 - Need railings on ramp
 - Railings on steps
 - Repair steps
 - Landscaping
 - Fall and Spring Clean-up
- 3) Ask Caldwell Community College to have students to create a landscaping schematic for yards.
- 4) Trees- problem with trees having diseases and dying areas on trees.

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Emerson Dickey	759-1431	Helen Miller	757-4546
Gail Evert	728-7985		
vjevert@charter.net		Jim Evert	728-7985
Alyce Walton	754-8864	Carl Tolbert	396-3824
Cheryl Dickey	759-1431	Ginny Knouse	758-8694
Ray & Betsy Williams			

Topic: Cursillo in Christianity
“Equipping Lay Leaders In The Church”

Convener: Melissa Costin

Contact information (e-mail or phone number): Melissa.costin@yahoo.com

828-212-0200 (home) 828-493-5454 (cell)

Participants: Many!

Highlights and Recommendations:

Cursillo means “short intense course”.

Movement at international, national, and diocesan.

3 day weekend purpose: to renew and deepen commitment to Christ and ten to return to home parish and form small reunion groups.

Small Groups: meet weekly for about an hour to talk about daily walk with Christ and to hold ourselves and each other lovingly accountable for our apostolic successes and failures.

Next weekend is in May - one after that in November.

Literature and applications will be in church office.

www.wnccursillo.org (Diocesan website)

www.episcopalcurso.org (National website)

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Brian Costin costinbri@yahoo.com

Cheryl Dickey 759-1431

Susan Strawn sstrawn1@charter.net

Lynn Swann 493-1168

Lorie Herman 728-8455

Topic: 20's and 30's group

Page 1 of 2

Convener: Brian Costin

Contact information (e-mail or phone number): costinbri@yahoo.com

Participants: Many!

Highlights and Recommendations:
Worship incorporate younger → younger
Family incorporate children → children

People not feeling “nagged” to do extra activities.
Burn-out = same people doing the same thing

Tradition = we have always done it that way

Different times for new activities
Change too quickly = sensitive

Matt Craig- Acoustic Music

Emphasize and recognize differences

Questioning allowed = learning and growing

Creating awareness in Caldwell County-

- Coffee meeting/poetry/music

- Volleyball/Activities

- Church League

- Game night

- Community events (egg hunts, inviting events)

- Advertising on facebook.com, myspace.com, twitter.com, and texting.

- Focus Groups through the college.

- Yard games during Blackberry Festival

- Art Tour during Blackberry Festival.

- Newspaper article

What is the message?

Page 2 of 2

Planting seeds → Hands and Hearts

Two times a year a family meeting

Events off St. James grounds between family/children occasionally need to work together.

Emphasize open mindedness

Message with a hook!

A play addressing the history liturgy of the church.

New comer's Six Pack ?

- * A 5 line description of what we believe. Beautiful historical building. Art.
- * Welcoming committee- couple to greet visitors.
- * Visitor's book follow-up

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Stephanie Reustle	sbreustle@yahoo.com	
Brian Costin	costinbri@yahoo.com	
Gail Evert	vjevert@charter.net	728-7985
Helen Miller	757-4546	
Emerson Dickey	759-1431	
Carl Tolbert	ctolbert41@yahoo.com	396-3825
Doris Conn	connselor@yahoo.com	758-1034

Topic: Passing the Peace

Convener (first and last name): Melissa Costin and Don Bushman

Contact information (email or phone number): melissa.costin@yahoo.com

Participants (names of other individuals in group): Melissa Costin and Don Bushman

Highlights and Recommendations:

At the 8:00 service everyone greets everyone else at the Passing of Peace.
At the 10:30 service everyone stands like statues and only greets their immediate neighbors.

Recommendation:

Melissa and Don will demonstrate at the 10:30 service moving about and engaging more people in the Passing of Peace.

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Betsy & Ray Williams

Topic: Who Are We and Where Does It Take Us?

Convener (first and last name): Emerson Dickey

Contact information (email or phone number): 759-1431

Participants (names of other individuals in group):

J. Evert, G. Evert, S. White, L. Owens, B. Busch, B. Giduz, D. Conn, Stephanie, B. Costin, M. Crawford, J. Crawford, C. Clark, J. Deal

Highlights and Recommendations:

What is “stuff” and what is essential (core)?
How do we figure it out?
Who gets to decide?

What is the role of “stuff”?
Immersion/Heightening

Early disciples would say we have gone astray?

Knowledgeable leader open to alternative texts and views.

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Barbara Busch barbaralei@aol.com

Topic: Healing Prayer

Convener (first and last name): Brian Costin

Contact information (email or phone number): costinbri@yahoo.com 212-0200

Participants (names of other individuals in group):

Melissa Costin, Susan Strawn, Alyce Walton, Cheryl Dickey, Charlene Clark,
Laura Owens

Highlights and Recommendations:

- *Father Mike will do healing prayer after any service.
- *Taught during Adult Forum.
- * Want to make a place where people can step aside from communion and receive the benefits of healing prayer. Separate from Adult Forum and D.O.K.
- *Check to see if order of St. Luke can come and train the prayer.
- *Has to be announced as regular part of service.
- *Make space (From Entrance) on the side.
- *Anne Weatherford for training.
- * Above list of participants would train.

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Alyce Walton	754-8864	
Laura Owens	292-9627	
Cheryl Dickey	759-1431	
Susan Rowe	758-9241	
Susan Strawn	sstrawn1@charter.net	
Ginny Knouse	758-8694	
Melissa Costin	212-0200	melissa.costin@yahoo.com

Topic: Integrity of 10:30 worship

Convener (first and last name): Evelyn Beam

Contact information (email or phone number): cebeam@charter.net

Participants (names of other individuals in group): Lucy McCarl, Don Bushman, Ginny Knouse

Highlights and Recommendations:

- 1) Can we move announcements to the Children's Sermon time?

- 2) We would like for the first half of the service to flow from the Prelude to the Passing Of Peace.
- 3) Move instruction about the service in the bulletin less instruction said during the service.

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Alyce Walton 754-8864
Evelyn Beam
Lynn Swann 493-1168
Ray and Betsy Williams

Topic: Stewardship

Convener (first and last name): none

Contact information (email or phone number): none

Participants (names of other individuals in group):

Carl T., Ray W., Betsy W., Jim Crawford, Jim Evert, Susan R., Sandra W.,
Emerson D., Brian C.

Highlights and Recommendations:

We need more transparency such as reporting finances monthly in bulletin.

Quarterly Testimony/Theology of Giving
Financial Peace University

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Jim & Gail Evert	vjevert@charter.net	728-7985
Carl Tolbert	396-3825	
Susan Rowe	758-9241	
Emerson Dickey	759-1431	

Topic: Reaching Out to our Gay and Lesbian Community

Convener (first and last name): Melinda Crawford

Contact information (email or phone number): jlmlcrawford@bellsouth.net

Participants (names of other individuals in group): Bob G., Jennie D., Susan S., Doris C., Ginny K., Charlie, Larry, Charlene, Lorie Herman, Stephanie R., Lynn S., Gail Evert

Highlights and Recommendations:

Discussion: how to promote St. James as inclusive.

Recommendations: invite parents and friends of lesbians and gays to meet in our community room.

Sponsor an educational seminar on understanding gay people and issues. Jennie Deal has resource material on this, and DVD “The Bible Tells Me So”.

Carter Haywood is an expert on the Biblical background.

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Helen Miller	757-4546
Melissa Eggers	754-9296
Susan Strawn	sstrawn1@charter.net
Doris Conn	758-1034
Jennie Deal	758-9448
Gail Evert	728-7985
Susan Rowe	758-9241
Bob Giduz	302-2845
Melinda Crawford	758-5488
Lynn Swann	493-1168

Topic: Altar Guild

Convener (first and last name): Alyce Walton

Contact information (email or phone number): teatime100@bellsouth.net

Participants (names of other individuals in group):

Alyce Walton, Laura Owens, Ginny Knouse, Susan Strawn, and Cheryl Dickey

Highlights and Recommendations:

1. Breathing new life into the Altar Guild.
 - A. Every Parishioner should serve on the team for one week.

- B. New younger people.
- C. Quarterly meetings.
- D. Altar flowers are the responsibility of the owner.
- E. If someone wants to assist on the Altar Guild and cannot be consistent, they can be trained then assists when available.
- F. Help wanted=Serve with others only one week a month.

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Susan Rowe	758-9241
Susan Strawn	sstrawn1@charter.net
Ginny Knouse	758-8694
Cheryl Dickey	759-1431
Laura Owens	292-9627

Topic: Cremains Garden

Convener (first and last name): Charlene Clark

Contact information (email or phone number): nuttyprofessor@charter.net

Participants (names of other individuals in group):

Charlene Clark, Jane McMullen, Carl Tolbert, Larry Bailey, Betty Purcell, Ray Williams, Betsy Williams, Sandra White, Alyce Walton, Laura Owens, and Cheryl Dickey

Highlights and Recommendations:

Plan to make a more reverent area around the cremains area. We will have an area for internment around the statuary across from the columbarium. We want to put pavers down inside the columbarium area. We plan to put 14 more niches. We would like to see if the vestry would let us use the money from the sale of the 14 niches to pay for this. This would be an advance to be able to complete the project.

Name for the internment are to be on a plaque or individual markers on the wall. If parishioners pay for a paver-some way to recognize this.

Pet Cremains area is wanted and needed at the area outside the Hogan Room across from the air/heating units. Remains would have to be professionally cremated and interred.

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Ray Williams

Jim Evert 728-7985

Alyce Walton 754-8864

Melissa Eggers 754-9296

Carl Tolbert 396-3825

Laura Owens 292-9627

Charlene Clark nuttyprofessor@charter.net

Topic: Lake Logan Family Weekend

Convener (first and last name): Barbara Busch

Contact information (email or phone number): barbaralei@aol.com

Participants (names of other individuals in group):

Participants present for discussion: Helen Miller, Carl Tolbert, Susan Strawn, Barbara Busch, Larry Bailey

Highlights and Recommendations:

Yard Sale-September

Have family program-Group participation

- *Arts council
- *Storyteller
- *Doug Elliott-herbs and stories
- Mountain crafts (local talent) maybe Folk school
- *Learn something
- *Give to someone who needs it
- *To organization to sale
- Maybe rearrange meals
- *Mixer on Friday night at Sit N Whittle
- *Lunch on Sunday instead of Dinner on Friday
- Like/Keep
- *Services, Noonday prayer, compline, etc. good
- *Social times are good

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Susan Strawn	sstrawn1@charter.net
Melissa Costin	212-0200
Barbara Busch	barbaralei@aol.com
Carl Tolbert	396-3825
Jennie Deal	758-9448
Elizabeth Cogsdale	759-2758

Topic: More Modern Worship Music

Convener (first and last name): Stephanie Reustle

Contact Information (e-mail or phone number): sbreustle@yahoo.com

Participants (name of other individuals in group):

Gail Evert, Stephanie Reustle, Susan Rowe, Elizabeth Cogsdale, Helen Miller, Melissa Eggers

Highlights and Recommendations:

- More upbeat music
- Newer hymnals
- Interject it into the service
- Wonder, love & praise hymn book

Larger variety of musical types
Opening a new door does not demand closing of all others
Music can help increase participation in the service
Welcomes new people with an easier style of song
Singing the psalm we are more focused on trying to keep the tune, we lose focus on the words.
Wednesday casual service
Change recessional hymn to something more lively
Change processional hymn
A leader to introduce change in music
A call for musicians
Call & response style for psalms and other songs
Looking for songs in hymnal that we typically don't sing, i.e., "God has Spoken" & "Morning has Broken"
Making the psalm music different
Something more user friendly

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Elizabeth Cogsdale	759-2758
Gail Evert	728-7985

Topic: Embracing & Enlarging Musicians in Caldwell County

Convener (first and last name): Evelyn Beam

Contact Information (e-mail or phone number): cebeam@charter.net

Participants (name of other individuals in group)

Lucy McCarl, and Don Bushman

Highlights and Recommendations:

Caldwell County is full of musicians and people who enjoy music.

St. James could encourage broader participation by asking young people and others to play on Sunday and at Taize.

Taize is ecumenical and there probably are a lot of non-Anglicans who would be interested.

Sacred Harp Singing could also attract participation.

Music ministry could be an outreach effort.

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Evelyn Beam

Lucy McCarl

Stephanie Reustle

758-8882

sbreustle@yahoo.com

Topic: Centering Prayer/Meditation

Convener (first and last name): Melinda Crawford

Contact Information (e-mail or phone number):

jlmlcrawford@bellsouth.net

Participants (name of other individuals in group)

Laura Owens, Sandra White, Melinda Crawford and Susan Strawn

Highlights and Recommendations:

Listened to participants needs.

Reviewed Centering Prayer method / fruits

Recommendations:

Regular articles in newsletter
Place brochures at back of church
Make videos available to all who are interested
Reconnect with those interested to offer encouragement and evaluate another meeting (for working people)

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Melinda Crawford 758-5488
Emerson Dickey 759-1431

Topic: Transportation

Convener (first and last name): Melissa Eggers

Contact Information (e-mail or phone number):
melissaeggers@earthlink.net

Participants (name of other individuals in group)

Jennie Deal, Melissa Eggers, Stephanie Reustle, Jim Crawford, Charlie Dobbin, Evelyn Beam, Elizabeth Cogsdale, and Laura Owens.

Highlights and Recommendations:

9:00am-3:00pm-Caldwell Opportunities has 6 vans that hold 12 people, not in use during the above time frame.
Need a van to take older folks to appointments.
CCATS-problem occurs when a person needs someone to stay with them during an appointment.

Costs of round trip \$5.00- many people can't afford.

Doing a transportation-asset mapping could provide list of people interested in helping with transportation.

Management of logistics: Employ someone to take calls, arrange transportation and manage program.

Could there be a grant to pay someone to coordinate needs, i.e., Community Improvement grants.

Maybe also provide transportation for people who need to get to church.

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Helen Miller 757-4546

Melissa Eggers 754-9296

Lynn Swann 493-1168

Topic: The Patrick Group – Another Coffee Pot Group

Convener (first and last name): Patrick White

Contact Information (e-mail or phone number): 8509317@charter.net

Participants (name of other individuals in group)

Susan Strawn, Lucy McCall, Don Bushman, Jim Evert, Gail Evert, Carl Tolbert, Laura Owens, Charlene Clark, and Sandra White

Highlights and Recommendations:

How can we bring the college community and the community college students to Saint James?

Strengthen our Youth Program/Sunday School

Making St. James known to the community

Sense of belonging to a group (very important)

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Gail Evert 728-7985

Topic: How can we bring college, community college people to St. James.
Coffee Pot Group

Convener (first and last name): Jennie Deal

Contact Information (e-mail or phone number):

jenniedeal@gmail.com

Participants (name of other individuals in group)

Highlights and Recommendations:

Strengthen our youth programs

Other youth to St. James

- Saturday night energizing contemporary worship especially draw for young people on regular basis-get use to it. Service followed by fellowship.

While youth are meeting have coffee or refreshments for parents in different area.

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Stephanie Reustle
Evelyn Beam

sbreustle@yahoo.com

Topic: More Modern Worship Music –**Reconvened** (*second discussion*)

Convener (first and last name): Stephanie Reustle

Contact Information (e-mail or phone number): sbreustle@yahoo.com

Participants (name of other individuals in group)

Laura Owens, Lucy McCarl, Cheryl Dickey, Gail Evert, Evelyn Beam, Don Bushman, Melissa Eggers

Highlights and Recommendations:

1. The question comes how to broaden the participation in music.
2. There are supplements to the Episcopal hymnal.
3. Some hymns in our hymn book we never sing.
4. Recessional hymn should be energizing.
5. Lent is more than funeral dirges.
6. Have a regular covered dish “song sing” of old favorites and new favorites.
7. By sharing all of our individual favorites in a non-Sunday service we can get comfortable with a broader palette of music.
8. Music ministry-at the church and outside the church.
9. Music heals whenever it happens. Let’s sponsor/enable.
10. Having parts/harmony practice.

11. Inventory-the musicians in the congregation and invite them to play more often.
12. Quiet time at times in the service.
13. Let's not do elevator music-but allow times for silence.
14. Whose responsibility to act on the suggestions? Barbara
15. Add recorder, guitar, flute, violin, hammered dulcimer to the Taize service.

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Lucy McCarl	758-8882
Susan Rowe	758-9241
Cheryl Dickey	759-1431
Emerson Dickey	759-1431
Elizabeth Cogsdale	759-2758

Topic: Multicultural Focus: reaching out to the Latino Community.

Convener (first and last name): Jennie Deal

Contact Information (e-mail or phone number):

jennideal@gmail.com

Participants (name of other individuals in group)

Bob G., Jennie Deal, Susan Strawn, Doris Conn, Ginny Knouse, Charlie Dobbins, Larry Bailey, Charlene Clark, Lorie Herman, and Stephanie Reustle, Lynn Swan, and Gail Evert.

Highlights and Recommendations:

Discussion:

Ways to become more involved with our Latino neighbors.

Recommendations:

Invite Latino's to come to St. James to share their food culture and concerns in our community-the justice issue.

Invite Latino church to enter into partnership.

Joint project with Latino community.

Workers (responsible for ministry):

Jennie Deal
Melinda Crawford

758-9448
758-5488