

Spring Lake Presbyterian Church

Worship, Music, and Christian Ed. 2004 Annual Report

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Committee members: Alice & Bill Koster, Rachel Green, Jay Hazelton, Susie Harris, Fay Phair, Suzan Wedig, Yvonne Hennen.

Music Staff: Richard and Suzan Wedig

It was a year of challenges and changes. In March, we welcomed the Rev. Katie Treadway as our pastor. We were blessed to have had four outstanding interim pastors.

The use of a worship suggestion box was helpful in shaping the order of worship service to reflect the current congregational needs. Comments on how communion was served and the frequency were most helpful.

The flower committee was disbanded. The responsibility of changing the flowers was given to the greeters and ushers. Regarding the Greeters and Ushers, the use of a sign-up sheet offers members flexibility to select a time to serve.

During the summer, using choir members to assist with the offertory worked well when we were unable to find people to usher.

Chimes are now used to indicate the beginning of the worship service.

During the Lenten Season, we had six Sacrificial suppers followed by music and a meditation. The theme for the meditation was based on the symbols of the Lenten Banner.

The church participated in Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services. At Easter, a Cross was placed on the lawn and decorated by the congregation with fresh flowers.

Opportunities abounded with the variety of Bible studies. "Hilarity" was the title of our summer bible study based on the material, *Weavings: A Journey to Spirituality*. We shared sandwiches while Pastor Katie led the Bible study. Septemeber Bible study was based on the book, *Mark's Message: Good News for the Millenium*. The end of October was

a Igither study based on the book, *Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt* led by Kevin Moran.

Through our Christian Education programming, we hosted a program on "distressing" a program for surviving four hurricanes on Oct. 10th. The program was led by Pamela Schlaf, R.N. Parsih Nurse coodinator of the Parish Nuring Program sponsored by Florida Hospital and Jim Bassette.

In the fall, "Ask the Pastor" which was held at Michael's Restaurant was started. This would be a time for fellowship and an opportunity to ask questions of the pastor's sermon and of past sermons. This would be held every 3rd Sunday of the month.

Children's Church flourished under Suzi Harris. We also had another very successful VBS. The theme this past year was *The Rising Sun* which takes place in Japan. Suzi also spearheaded Kid's Klub which is a non-churchlike program with emphasis on fellowship.

Our music program continues under the dedication of Suzan and Richard Wedig. Suzan purchased new music which included our Advent cantata, "How Great Our Joy," written by Lloyd Larson and Douglas Wagner.

On July 4th, we had a very special worship service called a Singspiration. This worship time was filled with familiar hymns followed by brunch.

Pastor Katie and Joan Esler attended workshops through Central Florida Presbytery at the Wakiva Presbyterian Church in Longwood in August.

I would like to express appreciation for the support and the work of the committee. A special thanks to those who have helped with greeting and ushering, serving communion, and participating in giving the Meditation during the Lenten series.

Submitted by:
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