**Worship Associates Annual Report 2018-19**

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The Worship Associates met monthly with Rev. Allison Palm and Director of Faith Formation Sadie Kahn-Greene during 2018-2019 to plan Sunday morning services, suggest and review changes and additions to the standard order of service, and share feedback about the services.

Once again this year, our worship services were guided by monthly themes from Soul Matters. Our themes for this year were:

September: Vision

October: Sanctuary

November: Memory

December: Mystery

January: Possibility

February: Trust

March: Journey

April: Wholeness

May: Curiosity

June: Beauty

Each month, we begin our meeting by reflecting on the services that have taken place since the last time we met and offering feedback. Then, the Worship Associates brainstorm ideas for the worship services based on the themes. From those brainstormed suggestions, potential worship services are discussed and chosen, and Worship Associates volunteered to participate, find readings and chalice lightings, help with Children’s Chapel and sometimes even lead the service. A new addition to our brainstorming process this year was trying to match the themes of the service with what our children would be doing in Faith Formation that day.

This year we had 5 services lead by groups of 2-5 Worship Associates. We also had 3 guest preachers, including one who came as the result of a pulpit swap. We had 10 All Ages Services this year, and held Children’s Chapel 5 times. We also had worship services led by our Youth Group and our ROPEs class.

Worship Associates also assisted Rev. Allison in leading a small group at the Huntington once a month. Typically, these groups were focused on the theme of the month.

Ellen McCahon and Lindsey Sylvester are coordinating Summer Services for Summer 2019. We think you’ll be delighted with who is leading worship and what they have planned. This year, Rev. Allison led a 4-part Summer Worship Workshop in April and May for those who are leading summer worship to take them through the planning and sermon writing process. We hope this will make this summer’s services extra rich and make sure things run smoothly.

The Worship Associates remain committed to hearing suggestions about how worship might be made more meaningful for our congregation.