

## 2017-2018 WORSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

### **Guests in the pulpit**

Sept. 24: Omar Bah (\$100 to Refugee Dream Center)  
October 15: Katrin Jomaa (from Muslim students at URI)  
October 29 -- Nancy Read/Annamaura Silverblatt (no fee; West.UU)  
November 12: Bob Kerr (Vietnam vet)  
November 26: Bev Center ("storyteller") \$100 to Jonnycake Center  
December 17: Rev. Jan Knost \$250..... Robinson & Rohe \$100  
December 24: Joan Youngken  
January 21: Teju Ologboni (from Wisc. storyteller \$250)  
Feb. 11: Hilary Salk  
Feb. 18: Christopher Johnson -- \$250  
March 11: Nikita McAllister -- \$250  
March 25: Grace Diaz (state rep) (JR)  
April 8: Deanna and Central Falls dancers \$250  
April 22: Lisa Petrie and youth for Earth Day  
May 13: Amber Kelley Collins  
May 20: Marc Levitt -- \$125  
May 27: Linda Whyte Burrell  
June 10: Music Committee  
June 24: Dan Berggren (\$250 pd. by Fultons)

**PAID OUT \$1675\* TOTAL; budgeting \$2250 for next year. Amount based on "stipend" to their charity or a "professional fee." [\*different figure sent to Finance, because of my not knowing about 0 fee for Oct. 29; still believe in \$2250. We missed getting someone recently, because our budget was out, and it makes it an extra challenge for those of us seeking guests to do services.]**

Members: Rev. David Helfer, Chair Johnnie Rodriguez, Susan Strakosch, Helene Gersuny, Kathy Swink, Ann Seemann, Joan Youngken (half-year), Tracy Hart, Mary Iacobbo, Amber Collins (the last three are having a hard time making meetings, but they have input when possible).

Plans for 9 summer 2018 services (no fees) are in place, thanks to Ann Seemann. Drawn from the congregation, guests require no fees.

We did a January training for Worship Leaders/Worship Associates. We have a cadre of seasoned WAWL folks at this point, but we can still use more.

We have worked wisely and well with Rev. David, as he pursued many of our traditional services, such as Christmas Eve Eve, Water Communion, Easter, Bridging, Flower Communion, New Members Ceremony, and others. We've continued to work hard on diversity issues; on making services increasingly worshipful; on getting more of a shared understanding of spiritual vs. religious (aka, tackling the G word); on trying more multigenerational options. Rev. David has brought new ideas and new themes to our worship services.