

Worship Committee Annual Report July 2025—June 2026

Over this year, the committee members have been Adria Evans (chair), Kathy Swink, Sue Strakosch, Michelle Stage, and newer member Katt Lockwood. Johnnie Rodriguez occasionally leads & creates a service, especially with winter storytellers.

As Michelle has left us and we are currently ministerless after June, we need a few more dedicated members.

Last year the worship committee was responsible for 12 services (Sept-June) and 5 additional services in the summer. We brought Atwater & Donnelly, Queen Nur (via RIBS), a drumming session, and a sermon about dogs and one about Illumin (a spiritual men's group).

Interestingly, a number of our congregants either led or spoke at services. Linda Whyte Burrell & Kathy Swink brought us seasonal celebrations (Spring Equinox, Lammas), Michelle did a farewell service (replete with an original song), Adria spoke of the blessings in her move to a new home, Kathy Swink told us of the afterlife and of beginnings/endings at NewYear's, Etta spoke of the spirituality of activism, Betsy shared what she gleaned from her India trip, Bina had us "slow down," Kerri Lyn shared about anger & God, Brie Oakes & Michelle taught about Resilience. And Mary Fulton & Lisa Richter presented a multimedia service during National Library week replete with a book communion.

As we move into our next phase, then, we see that the Worship Committee can provide one service per month during the year. And we have outdone ourselves as all 8 summer services (3 more than last year) are lined up, helped by Johnnie. Hopefully we'll have a minister by September.

Respectfully submitted,
Adria Evans, 5.28.2026