

Greetings! As many of you may recall, in May, Session placed a worship survey in Sunday Bulletins for several weeks, asking the congregation three questions about our services. As you will see, the answers are varied, and reflect the beautiful diversity of our family. We have taken action on a few of these responses, and those action items are also listed. Session thanks all who took time to prayerfully respond to the survey. If you would like to discuss any of these items, please contact Pastor Roger, or any member of Session.

<u>QUESTION #1: WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE WORSHIP SERVICE?</u>	
Responses	Session Action, if any
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roger's sermon 2. Rev. Boekenhauer's sermons 3. Roger's spirit 4. The sermons hold my interest. We are so blessed to have Roger as our Pastor. 5. The sermons are wonderful. 6. Sermons away from the pulpit are more personable. 7. Singing and sermon 	<p>We are happy to report that Roger Boekenhauer has accepted the terms for another year serving our church as our Pastor!</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contemporary music/songs DVD's 2. Praise sing 3. The hymns/praise sing music are great. 4. I like most aspects of our service, I like the mix of traditional and contemporary music. 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feel the Holy Spirit with us 2. Prayer time 3. Silent prayer time 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Words on the screen 2. I like when the scripture is the same bible version as in our pew bibles. 3. Explains the what, where, whys of it. 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I like most everything about the service. 2. I am very satisfied, I like it! I can hear and understand Roger, so that is very good. 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep the service at 10:30 2. Variety of liturgists is awesome! 3. The greeting time. 	

<u>QUESTION #2: WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP SERVICE?</u>	
Responses	Session Action, if any
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cut out the greet your neighbors 2. I would like us to eliminate greeting time. To me it's a disruption to the service. People could greet each other before or after the service. 3. The greeting time should be shortened to just greeting those around you and not moving around the church. It seems to be more a visiting time than just passing the peace. 4. No passing the peace on communion Sunday as we have fellowship afterwards. 5. No passing of peace on communion Sunday 	<p>The Sunday greeting time seemed to be the issue most needing change. Fellowship is an important part of worship, and as such, it will not be cut out completely from service at this time; however, it has been eliminated on Communion Sunday because, as one respondent stated, we do have fellowship after that service. We are also working on ways to shorten the greeting time. Greeting time will be added to the agenda for the October Congregational meeting.</p>

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<i>Responses to Question #2 Continued...</i>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1 hour service 2. 1 hour service. 	<p>Two people responded identically. We try to keep the service to an hour, but there are many times when there is more for God to tell us than will fit in an hour. We understand that there are times when family and other obligations dictate schedules on some Sundays, and so if the need arises, please know that it is okay to quietly leave the church when you have to do so.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 9:30 summer hours, that has been done for years 2. I would like 10:30 am worship year round. 	<p>There is a definite split in opinion among our congregation about summer worship hours. When a vote was taken at a congregational meeting in 2012, we were divided almost in the middle. This is why Session set 9:30 summer hours in 2012, and 10:30 summer hours in 2013. We are in prayer about this subject.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More combined services with the Methodists. 2. Summers maybe we could close our church one month and theres one month, like we did many years ago, as money and attendance is short. 	<p>Pastors Roger and Paul are in communication about the combined worship schedule for the year.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not so outlined 2. Does the Nicene Creed always have to be read 3. Less readings off the bulletin-words put in our mouths by someone else. More messages about today, current issues and events. 	<p>This summer, we have asked Pastor Roger to take over the task of writing the entire worship service.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not sure 2. Good so far. 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whoever leads praise sing could just lead the song without a mini-message or re-cap of their week. 2. I am sorry, but I would take out liturgist and have the Pastor do the readings, but I don't want to offend the liturgists, they do a great job. 3. Just invite anyone to pray during Pastoral Prayer- silent prayer- keep it a short explanation and let God do the rest. 4. Sometimes we spend a lot of time re-capping the story of the scripture lesson, and a little time and emphasis on how it relates to us today. That should be reversed. 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I cannot hear the concerns and announcements coming from the congregation. Could they use the microphone or maybe standing and facing us would help? 	<p>We are working on a solution to provide hearing assistance to our congregation. This is an ongoing concern, and we truly appreciate everyone's patience. In the meantime, when there are announcements or concerns from the congregation, we ask that the handheld microphone be used to help those on our congregation with hearing difficulties.</p>
<u>QUESTION #3: DO YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS OF HYMNS OR CONTEMPORARY MUSIC TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE</u>	
Responses (NO SESSION ACTION WAS DEEMED NECESSARY, SO THIS IS JUST A LIST.)	
<p>Not at this time must think about it. Praise singing- 2 songs <u>only</u>. Like the DVD's Like contemporary over hymns. At least one familiar hymn each Sunday. Days of Elijah- Twila Paris version. The End of the Beginning- my favorite solo by Christine Monteiro. Maybe a time of favorite old hymns and more variety in contemporary music. I love the "old" standard hymns and most of the contemporary ones so most music is great! A hymn sing once in a while would be nice. Thank you to all who make the worship so meaningful. I would like more traditional hymns out of our hymn pew books. All the ones providing our music every Sunday deserve a special thanks for doing an amazing job.</p>	