

## Music Committee Report and Summary - 2009

The UUCC Music Committee is responsible for performing and leading music during services at UUCC. The committee also oversees the logistics and equipment (such as PA systems and the organ) required for such performance. Members of the committee who are musicians participate in a rotation to work with the Worship Committee Service Leader and the speaker for the service to select appropriate hymns and other spiritual music for each week.

Since the last annual meeting, there have been new members added to the music rotation, giving us some additional styles of music available. The Worship Committee has asked that we work more closely with them to select music. Rev. Burnette has provided a list of the most singable hymns for us to use when possible in order to encourage more singing from the congregation. The committee held a singing circle that allowed members to exchange ideas and songs, including guitar transcriptions of often-used hymns. The "Keys, Strings, and Other Things" program run independently by Sam Carman continues to be a draw for music lovers in the community and provides an annual donation to UUCC.

Goals for the future include:

- presented a class on using the sound system to interested members of the congregation so that we can expand our pool of knowledgeable attendees,
- analyzing the current sound system with an ear toward improving sound quality and ease of use (especially reducing potential for feedback using the wireless microphone),
- increasing opportunities for informal choral activity (as was done by the Building Your Own Theology class at there service) with the hope of leading to a regular adult choir,
- seeking more piano/organ expertise in order to better use the hymn material in the traditional hymnal.

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