



Midland Evangelical Free Church Worship Dance Ministry Overview

What We Believe

The worship dance ministry team is made up of those with a passion for and proficiency at interpretive dance and movement. The goal of this ministry is to enhance and display, through movement, the act of worship. Used with music in an interpretive form, dance is a means of expressing praise and worship to God individually and corporately. We also believe that the training of our youth and children in these expressions are worthy endeavors for their spiritual formation.

Season

The Worship Dance Season runs September through early May for those in 3rd-12th grades. It will start with a Worship Dance Workshop Saturday, September 9, and conclude with a Recital on Sunday, May 6. Practices take place on Thursdays.

- Level I Clogging Class 4:00-5:00 pm. Worship Center (Begins – Sept 14)
- Level II Clogging Class 5:00-6:00 pm. Worship Center – prerequisite level I (Begins - Sept 14)
- Elementary Worship Dance 6:30-8:00 pm. Worship Center (Begins - Sept 14)
- Middle School Worship Dance 6:30-8:00 pm. Worship Center (Begins - Sept 14)
- High School Worship Dance 6:00-8:00 pm. Room 305 (Begins - Sept 14)

No new dancers will be accepted after the first practice.

Workshop

Saturday September 9, 2017 • Worship Center (gym) • 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The purpose of the workshop is to inform parents and dancers of what to expect if they become involved with the Worship Dance Ministry, to allow new dancers to try Worship Dance before committing to the ministry, and to learn a routine that will be used sometime during the year. There will be a brief informative talk for parents the first 30 minutes of the Workshop and a demonstration by the dancers the last 10 minutes to show parents what they have learned. A General Release Hold Harmless Agreement form needs to be filled out before the workshop begins and is included with the online registration form that is available from the Midland Evangelical Free Church website: www.mefchurch.org/worship-dance. Forms will also be available at the workshop registration table Saturday morning. Registration begins at 8:40 a.m., Saturday, September 9.

Parent Meeting

Saturday September 9 @ 9:00-9:30 a.m.

A parent or legal guardian is asked to be present at the parent meeting. Topics of discussion are cost, outfits, policies, changes, and the Concert of Dance or end of the year program. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make sure you contact Tara Jones to arrange a time to meet. 989-832-5064 or worshipdance@mefchurch.org.

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Leading Worship through Dance

Each dance class will take part in leading Sunday morning worship at least once a year. Dance dates will be given to the dancers by the second dance practice. Dancers and parents will need to review the dates to see if the dancer is available to attend worship service the day his/her class leads worship, the Concert of Dance, dress rehearsal, and most practices. If a dancer is already aware that she has a conflict for scheduled routines, she may be asked to forfeit her spot with the dance ministry for this particular year. This will allow others who may be on a waiting list to participate. Dancers are allowed to miss up to 2 practices during the 8 weeks leading up to a scheduled dance routine, missing a maximum of 5 practices per year. If more than 2 practices per routine are missed, the dancer will be asked to sit out for that particular dance. All dress rehearsals, which will usually be the Thursday prior to leading worship, are mandatory.

Dance Outfits

Each dancer will need flesh colored dance shoes (split sole jazz shoes, ballet slippers, or similar flesh color dance shoes). Those who have a white outfit from a previous year are asked to please hang on to them as they may be used through out the year along with other outfits the dance ministry has in stock.

Service opportunities

The Worship Dance Ministry is in need of leaders this year. Looking for two dance instructors, two classroom assistants, two clogging assistants, and an administrator to help at the workshop registration table. If you are able to volunteer this year please contact Tara Jones, 989-832-5064 or email worshipdance@mefchurch.org.

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† One Instructor

† Two Assistant Instructors

Cost

There is a \$10.00 Registration fee per dancer per year.

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