

WorshipArts

GUIDELINES FOR WORSHIPARTS ARTICLES

- 1) **Our Purpose:** As the primary publication of The Fellowship, *WorshipArts* strives to provide worship artists with spiritual and educational resources that assist in creating world-transforming worship.
- 2) **Length:** Most feature articles are 1500-1800 words. Longer articles may be serialized over several issues.
- 3) **Mechanics:** Word attachments to emails are preferred.
- 4) **Style:** The writing style should reflect the diversity of the readership (mainly the members of The United Methodist Church), relate to people in a variety of church sizes, and should be succinct, interesting, practical and viable in ministry of the church. Complicated ideas should be explained in simple language; musical, artistic, and technical terms should be defined. Do not assume that everyone understands “United Methodese.”

WorshipArts seeks to be interactive with its readers and sometimes prints comments or questions related to the text. Consider including short items for sidebars that might stimulate the reader’s thinking. Providing pertinent websites is another way to encourage our readers to further exploration.
- 5) **Deadlines:** Generally, articles should be received eight weeks prior to publication. In other words, articles for the May-June issue (which is mailed late-April) will be due on March 15. It is important that you meet deadlines assigned to you. Unsolicited articles accepted for publication will be included as space permits.
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- 9) **Photos.** We welcome and encourage the use of supporting photos for articles. By submitting photos, it is understood that you have obtained any necessary permissions from those pictured for use in print and electronic publication.

10) **Compensation:** Because of the small budget upon which *WorshipArts* operates, it is not possible to provide remuneration for submitted material. You have our sincere gratitude for writing only for the joy of sharing your insights with others for the glory of God (and seeing your name in print!).

11) **Personal:** Please include a sentence about your present occupation and any other pertinent information you feel would help our readers know you better. If you are willing to have your contact information published (usually email address), please include that in your information. Also, please send a picture of yourself, either a hard copy or an electronic one (jpeg or tiff preferred).

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