

Incidentals Report – March 2021

[A monthly report from the UUCC Executive Team to the Board of Trustees]

Identity & Belonging –

- **Reflection Groups** continue to have consistent attendance.
- The **Stuffy Sleepover video** was enthusiastically enjoyed at worship, and the UUCC staff is imagining how we might facilitate more such OBIC-centered connections in the months before we're able to resume in-person gatherings in the building.
- UUCC families are responding positively to the monthly **family ministry** packets and to Family Chapel, and each month new families are added to our mailing list.
- The Staying in Touch Team has transitioned to being the **Membership Team**. Currently members include Ken Crandell, Lindsay Thompson, and Kim Estell. The group is looking to bring in more team members and visioning together about the purpose and work of the team.
- In preparation for a **communications audit**, Sara Davidson is drafting a communications survey to send to the congregation. The results will act as a tool in evaluating the effectiveness of our current way of communicating (website, the Link, Sunday newsletter, eBlasts, Facebook, etc.) and determine preferences for how (and how often) people wish to hear from UUCC.
- 30-minute **coffee hours** continue following Sunday worship. 25-40 people engage in this way each week.
- **Listening Circle** continues on Wednesday evenings, with 5-6 regular attendees, with other newcomers/friends/members popping in once in a while.
- Valerie, Hannah, and Sara continue to offer 15-minute episodes of the **Rooted & Reaching podcast**. Recent and upcoming guests include Chase Farmer & Nicole Guimarães, Rev. Anthony Jenkins, and Gail Thompson & John Guy. If you haven't done so, please subscribe to Rooted & Reaching on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and/or Google Podcasts!

Owen Brown Community –

- Maria Buckley has resigned from the **OBIC Board of Trustees** to give her full attention to personal concerns. We're very grateful for the two years of service that Maria gave to OBIC. Terry Paul volunteered to replace Maria as the OBIC treasurer for 2021. The Executive Team is working with the current UUCC Trustees to the OBIC Board to recruit a replacement board member.

Worship –

- Music Director Michael Adcock's 5-month **sabbatical** began on March 1. In his absence, **Tom Monroe, Valerie Hsu, and Jeremy Rea** will share the responsibilities for Sunday service music.

Finding One's Place –

- No members have joined or resigned since the last Board meeting. One member resigned but, following further contemplation and an exit interview, reconsidered and rejoined within the month.
- We had four newcomers complete visitor forms in February.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **OBIC Board** Meeting – Wednesday, March 10, at 7p (zoom)
- **Stewardship Council** Meeting – Thursday, March 11, at 6p (zoom)
- **Daylight Saving Time** starts Sunday, March 14