

Incidentals Report – October 2021

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

The Executive Team submits a monthly Incidentals Report to the Board of Trustees. This report highlights successes, challenges, and activities of UUCC operations—things that the Board should be aware of, but which fall outside the scope of Board policy work.

- Sean and Paige thank the Board for the kind **staff appreciation gifts!**
- **UUCC offices** are now staffed regularly on Wednesdays. To promote health and safety, we ask all visitors to the office to make an appointment ahead of time.
- The **Endowment pledge** to the 21-22 Operating Budget of \$23,595 was realized in September.
- In conjunction with a recent targeted appeal, we have received over \$14,500 in new contributions toward completing our \$25,000 pledge to the **Bauder Center / Long Reach Head Start**. Coupled with UUCC's February \$10,000 payment, we are within \$500.00 of completing our pledge commitment to supporting the center.
- More than 25 UUCC individuals have expressed interest in attending the Fall 2022 **Assisi Pilgrimage**. Most of them attended the September 29 information session, and as of October 5th, four individuals have paid their booking deposit. (Deadline is October 20.)
- We **averaged 35 in-person attendees for Sunday Worship** across the 4 services in September. Virtual attendance remained strong with an average of 155 connections in September.
- Rev. Paige Getty recently has **completed her terms in two community leadership roles**—Co-Chair of PATH—People Acting Together in Howard (2015-2021) and Board member of Columbia Housing Center (2017-2021). She will continue to serve as a member of the strategy leadership team of PATH, as well as a core team member with HoCo Courageous Conversations.
- UUCC's **Rooted & Reaching podcast** returned from summer break on September 16 for season 2, with two new episodes released so far: "Colette Gelwicks signs on as Congregational President" and "Mary Rodgers on UUCC's Efforts to Become a Green Sanctuary." New episodes will air every two weeks this year.
- UUCC held an **in-person Engagement Fair** on September 19 following the worship service. While attendance was sparse, we had some members and newcomers express interest in joining some of our groups and got a chance to socialize after service!
- **Listening Circle** will resume on Tuesday, October 5, and will be held virtually on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 6pm this year.
- The **Membership Team** adopted the following **statement of purpose** at its September meeting: "As the Membership Team we work together to warmly welcome and provide opportunities for connection and engagement to all who seek community at UUCC. We give particular focus to helping newcomers and members get involved within our spiritual home. As a team we work together to diversify, strengthen, and grow our UUCC community and expand our engagement with those we have yet to meet."

- We had four **new visitors** complete visitor forms in September, although we have also seen some newcomers and new families attend service in person without (yet) completing the form.
- There were no changes to our **membership** rolls in September.
- **RE Fun Day** was success on August 29. More outdoor fun activities are being planned.
- Another **Stuffy Sleepover** is scheduled for October 23-24.
- In-person religious education classes have started for PreK through 5th grade and are being held outdoors. Attendance is small and sporadic but appears to be slowly building.
- **Our Whole Lives** for grades 8 and 9 began October 3rd with 10 children registered.
- **World Religions Class** for grades 6 and 7 is on hold until teachers can be found.
- **Reflection Groups** are up and running with 35 people registered.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **OBIC Board** meeting – Wednesday, October 13, at 7p (zoom)
- **Stewardship Council** meeting – Thursday, October 14, at 6p (zoom)
- **Ordination of Jen Raffensperger** – Sunday, October 17, at 4p (zoom + limited in-person seating at OBIC)
- **UUCU Auction** – Saturday, November 13
- **Indigenous Peoples Day** – Monday, October 11
- **Election Day** – Tuesday, November 2
- **Daylight Saving Time Ends** – Sunday, November 7