

INCIDENTALS REPORT

January 2023

[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 key updates on UUCC operations; things that the Board ought to be aware of but fall outside the scope of Board policy work.

SUNDAYS

- **Worship Attendance** the first 3 Sundays of December averaged 267 each week.
 - Average in-person adult attendance: 100
 - Average in-person children attendance: 13
 - Average Zoom connections: 76
- The December 11 **music service** was our highest in-person attendance of 2022 with 126 adults and 17 children gathered in the sanctuary.
- Ten children from the congregation performed in the interactive **Christmas pageant** directed by Kelli Danaker on December 18.
- On **Christmas Eve**, 114 people attended the service in-person, and 50 connected on Zoom.
- We offered two tech-free **holiday services** that were designed to be intimate and embodied. The Christmas Day service led by Michael Adcock and Valerie Hsu was attended by 18 congregants. 44 congregants attended the New Year's Day service led by Paige Getty, Kelli Danaker, and Tom Monroe.

MEMBERSHIP

- Nine first-time visitors completed **visitor forms** in the month of December.
- Sara Davidson led a volunteer team of connection callers to reach out to disconnected members as part of our annual **membership reconciliation** process. The results of this process will be presented separately to the Board this month.

FINANCIAL

- UUCC's **PNC** non-profit checking account that sat dormant for 3 years has now been closed. The balance of the account (\$7,255.62) has been deposited into our operating reserve at First National Bank.
- UUCC's Bank of America **safe deposit box** (opened in 1981!) has been closed. The contents of the safe deposit box are currently stored in the Scrip safe in the UUCC office until a small document safe can be installed in the office.
- UUCC received a \$40,000 **bequest** from the estate of Patricia Fuhrer. As is our practice with legacy gifts, this bequest will be directed to the Endowment.
- UUCC received a \$2,000 **designated gift** from a congregant toward our long-term debt. This \$2,000 has been applied to our mortgage principal.

PROGRAM

- This year's Sanctuary C Christmas tree was adorned with handmade ornaments designed by Kelli Danaker and crafted by children, teens, and adults who gathered for our **annual tree decorating party** on November 27.

- Twenty-four people attended **pancakes & PJs** hosted by the Joyful Gatherings team on Saturday, December 10.
- On December 11, UUCC youth collected and sorted hundreds of gifts for **Cradlerock Elementary's secret shop**, donated by UUCC congregants. Cradlerock Elementary students "shopped" the store for gifts for their parents, teachers, and loved ones using good behavior points.
- This year's **Stewardship Sunday** will be held in February outside of the pledge drive to reinforce the message that stewardship is not just about financial giving, but stewardship is all the ways we invest ourselves in our spiritual community.
- The Joyful Gatherings team is supporting the Stewardship Council in planning this year's **pledge drive launch** as a fun-filled potluck and talent show for the whole family on Saturday, March 4.
- Due to low enrollment, UUCC is unable to offer the Quest curriculum this year. Students enrolled in Quest are invited instead to participate in a **one-on-one mentoring program** with monthly group debriefs under the guidance of Paige, Valerie, Kelli, and KP McLaughlin. Suggested discussion questions during one-on-one mentoring sessions will cover Quest topics.
- Following the success of this fall's Assisi pilgrimage, Lisa Marini is exploring the possibility of coordinating a **congregation-wide Boston trip** to learn about our UU foundations. This trip would be open to congregants of all ages and would take the place of the traditional Quest trip to Boston.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Nested Bowls facilitator training** — Saturday, February 4, 2023
- **Board of Trustees meeting** — Tuesday, February 14, 2023
- **RISE Against Hunger** — Saturday, February 25, 2023
- **Pledge Drive launch** — Saturday, March 4, 2023
- **Robin Slaw's sabbatical** — November 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023
- **Valerie away** — Monday, March 13 – Thursday, March 23, 2023
- **Board of Trustees meeting** — Tuesday, March 14, 2023
- **Nested Bowls retreat** — Friday, March 24 – Saturday, March 25, 2023
- **Paige Getty's sabbatical** — April 1 – August 31, 2023