

INCIDENTALS REPORT

March 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** during the month of February averaged 180 each week.
 - Average in-person adult attendance: 98
 - Average in-person children attendance: 13
 - Average Zoom connections: 70

MEMBERSHIP

- Four first-time visitors completed **visitor forms** in the month of February.
- The following individuals have signed the membership book:
 - Meagan Lopes (February 26, 2023)
 - Haley Fischer (March 5, 2023)

STEWARDSHIP

- See **pledge drive report** submitted by Valerie Hsu on March 8, 2023
- Valerie Hsu, Jenny Afkinich, Melissa Affolter, and Scotty Scott have been added as **signers** on the Endowment checking account. Valerie Hsu has been added as a signer on the Minister's Discretionary Fund checking account.
- The Endowment Board has authorized \$29,460.99 as the **disbursement** to UUCC's FY2023-2024 operating budget. The official notice was sent by Julie Boughn, chair of the Endowment Board, to Jenny Afkinich, Kevin Mercer, Paige Getty, and Valerie Hsu.

PROGRAM

- The most recent **newcomers class** series has concluded, and congregants from this round of classes will continue meeting as a cohort.
- Sara Davidson is planning a series of **drop-in discussion groups** to take place following worship on Sundays in late March through April.
- Two adult congregants and one youth are registered for UUCC's inaugural multigenerational **Boston pilgrimage**. Valerie Hsu will be leading the trip, coordinated by Lisa Marini.
- Since mid-February, UUCC teens have completed **odd jobs** for eight congregants. Odd jobs have included yard work, bathroom cleaning, junk removal, cat-sitting, plant watering, and more. Nine more odd jobs are scheduled or are being scheduled. Congregants who request odd jobs from the youth are invited to make donations to support the teens' upcoming service trip to West Virginia, but are not required to do so.
- UUCC teens have met with **Karuna** to offer their odd jobs services to help meet the needs of congregants and to help increase Karuna visibility during the ministerial sabbatical.
- On February 25, 2023, 70 congregants and their family members, friends, and coworkers packed 20,000 meals during the **RISE Against Hunger** food packing event. Many thanks to Mariam

Khambaty for her coordination and financial contributions to make the event happen, and to Sarah Basehart for championing the event among the Board.

- UUCC members sponsored 40 meals per day for 7 days for guests of Grassroots' **Warm Welcome Shelter** from February 6-12. Fifteen congregants volunteered to distribute meals. We are grateful for the volunteers who showed up, the congregants who gave generously, and Paula Nagy and Dana Sohr for coordinating UUCC's support of the Grassroots shelter.
- In December 2022, the Stewardship Council endorsed the efforts of the Climate Team to do a targeted fundraiser to cover the non-budgeted expense of the **nourishing garden fence** if solicitations end by February 1. As of February 14, congregants have raised \$3,785 to cover the \$3,640.34 cost of the fence. The extra \$144.66 raised will be used toward garden expenses at the discretion of the garden team.
- UUCC's new **Central East Region primary contact** is [Lenore Bejare-Dukes](#). Until March 3, our CER primary contact was Sana Saeed.

STAFF

- On Tuesday, March 7, all 7 members of UUCC staff met at the home of Ed Gaddy for a 6-hour **workshop** with Sarah Keely on the Enneagram and how to better understand and navigate workplace dynamics and relationships through the lens of the Enneagram.
- On Wednesday, March 8, all 7 members of UUCC staff participated in a **Values, Mission, Ends** facilitated session.
- Staff members Valerie Hsu, Sara Davidson, and Hannah Nelson have registered to attend **General Assembly** this summer in Pittsburgh. Robin Slaw will participate in the business-only virtual agenda. Valerie, Sara, and Hannah look forward to coordinating group activities for UUCC members who plan to attend GA.
- The Executive Team has contracted with **Kirk Freeman** to serve as on-call pastor during the ministerial sabbatical. Kirk will be available for up to 5 hours a month to consult with staff, Board, and other leaders, as well as to provide critical pastoral care in consultation with Karuna. Kirk plans to visit the March 14 meeting to be introduced to the Board.
- On Saturday, February 25, former UUCC President Tim Lattimer and Rev. Paige Getty were speakers in a workshop at the UUA's annual **New Day Rising Conference**. The conference theme was "So You've Passed the 8th Principle", and Tim and Paige shared a bit of UUCC's story in a workshop titled "This Conversation Has Gotten Very Messy at Our Congregation."
- On March 1, 2023, Robin Slaw returned to UUCC work following a 4-month sabbatical. She is busily reintegrating into congregational life.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Valerie away** — Monday, March 13 – Thursday, March 23, 2023
- **Board of Trustees meeting** — Tuesday, March 14, 2023
- **Nested Bowls retreat** — 5:30-9:00PM, Friday, March 24; 8:30AM-4:00PM, Saturday, March 25
- **Paige Getty's sabbatical** — April 1 – August 31, 2023
- **UUCC Annual Meeting** — Sunday, June 4, 2023
- **UUA General Assembly** — June 21 – June 25, 2023