

INCIDENTALS REPORT

June 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 first three Sundays of May averaged 149 each week.
 - Average in-person adult attendance: 84
 - Average in-person children attendance: 10
 - Average Zoom connections: 55
- Because of the Memorial Day holiday and camping trip, on Sunday, May 28, we followed a modified worship schedule and livestreamed the service from All Souls Unitarian. The service was attended by 39 people in person, and there were 28 Zoom connections to UUCC's chalice lighting before the All Souls service began.

MEMBERSHIP

- 5 first-time visitors completed **visitor forms** in the month of May.
- Beth Yocum signed the **membership** book on May 21.
- The memorial service of Cole Wiggins on Saturday, May 27 was attended by 190 people in-person and 15 on Zoom. Karuna and the Caring Committee coordinated the reception, and our on-call pastoral care minister Kirk Freeman served as primary contact with the family for planning the service and coordinating with service participants.

STEWARDSHIP

- Our pledge drive total as of June 7, 2023 is \$635,416.20 from 219 households. For comparison, as of June 9, 2022, the pledge drive had reached \$652,436.20 from 231 households for FY22-23. More details about the pledge drive can be found in the Annual Report distributed ahead of the Annual Meeting.
- Bryan Barrett will serve as chair of the Endowment Board starting July 1, 2023.

PROGRAM

- UUCC's **Joyful Gathering Group** hosted **Family Fun Day** on May 20, 2023 from 1 to 4pm for families of all shapes and sizes and ages. 40 or so congregants gathered in Sanctuary C and on the patio / lawn area at OBIC to enjoy a snack potluck, board games, bocce, Pride-themed magnet painting, human scavenger hunt, corn hole, and each other's presence and conversation. The afternoon proved to be an excellent way for some of our longtime members to connect meaningfully with some of UUCC's newcomers and new members.
- The third **newcomers class series** of the congregational year began April 30 and has continued through the month of March, led by Sara Davidson. Between 5-7 newcomers have been attending consistently.
- UUCC **young adults** gathered for their third annual Memorial Day picnic/hike/day in the park at Patapsco.

- The UCC **bookstore** is on hiatus for the summer. Lorien Haavik led the bookstore's successful relaunch this year. New signage, setup, and energy has made the bookstore more inviting and accessible than ever. The bookstore brought in over \$1,650 in gross profits this year.
- **OWL 4/5** concluded its year in May. Our Sunday morning **children's RE** participants have been actively helping and learning in the nourishing garden alongside our dedicated garden volunteers. The **middle school youth group** has begun the task of painting the newly-rebuilt produce pantry box. The high school youth group (**YRUU**) will continue to meet through the summer (has met year-round since FY19-20) for reflection, conversation, planning, fundraising, and community-building.
- Approximately 40 people (from children to teens to adults) attended the **Memorial Day weekend camping trip** at Rocky Gap State Park, May 26-29. "The community aspect to keep our children safe, give parents a little time for community themselves, and allowing our kids a little bit more freedom has been one of my favorite parts of UCC," said UCC Member and Rocky Gap coordinator, Regina Verow. UCC-ers camp in a large field together which provides a safe space for children to run around, watched by all, while adults get to socialize in a relaxed manner. Many members plan occasional hikes or trips to the beach, but rest and relaxation are definitely the top priorities for everyone. A good time was had by all!
- The following UCC congregants will be attending **General Assembly** (June 21-25, 2023) and serving as UCC delegates:
 - Melissa Affolter – delegate
 - Carla Gates – delegate
 - Richard Gates – delegate
 - Mike Hammett
 - Kerridwen Henry – delegate
 - KP McLaughlin – delegate
 - Teaghan McLaughlin
 - Marti McKenzie
 - Mary Rodgers – delegate
 - Phil Webster – delegate
 - Staff members Sara Davidson, Valerie Hsu, and Hannah Nelson

STAFF

- On May 18, due to budgetary constraints, the Executive Team (with the guidance of the Personnel Advisory Committee and the Board of Trustees) notified Robin Slaw that the position she would have served beginning July 1 had been eliminated. We released Robin from work responsibilities immediately and offered as generous a separation agreement as were able to support her as she transitions out of her vocational relationship with UCC.
- The congregation is invited to celebrate Robin's seven years of service as a valued, trusted staff member of UCC on **Sunday, June 18** following the morning's worship service.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **UUA General Assembly** — June 21 – June 25, 2023
- **Board of Trustees meeting** — Tuesday, July 11, 2023
- **Youth Service Trip** — Sunday, July 30 – Saturday, August 5, 2023
- **Ministerial sabbatical** — April 1 – August 31, 2023