

INCIDENTALS REPORT

July 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 June averaged 186 each week.
 - Average in-person adult attendance: 120
 - Average in-person children attendance: 11
 - Average Zoom connections: 54
- On Sunday, June 25, we followed a modified worship schedule and livestreamed the worship service from UUA General Assembly. Congregants gathered for coffee, fellowship, and games at 10AM before the livestream began. 32 adults and 8 kids gathered at OBIC that morning.

MEMBERSHIP

- 4 first-time visitors completed **visitor forms** during the month of June.
- The following people signed the membership book in the month of June:
 - Teaghan M. (June 4)
 - George H. (June 11)
 - Stacy H. (June 11)
- The following people resigned their membership during the month of June:
 - Doug B. (June 28)
 - Kyle B. (June 28)

PROGRAM

- UUCC's **Women's Retreat** (for women and those who understand themselves to belong in women's spaces) returns Friday to Sunday, April 19-21, 2024 at Camp Wabanna in Edgewater, MD. Registration will open this month. Planning team members include Kelly Blake, Ashley Brizzo, Sara Davidson, Haley Fischer, Suzi Gerb, Becky Reese, and Jen Seigal.
- The **Connection Calls** team is gearing up to make calls to UUCC community members this August as we lead up to a new congregational year. These will be purely relational calls to UUCCers to check-in, see how the summer has been going, chat about life, and invite folks to join us for Ingathering.
- Recruitment for fall RE classroom volunteers is underway. This year, we are inviting those in the congregation to spend "**One Hour in RE.**" Congregants are invited to join us in our Sunday morning RE classrooms and share with us about their career, their hobbies, their passions, and their values. There will be plenty of time for questions and conversation as well as a special emphasis on embodied activities. So far, we will be able to offer a drum circle, a game designing workshop, a disability workshop, crafting days, and visits from doctors, engineers, crafters and more. A team of "Mentor Teachers" (Kelli Danaker, Kristin Parrish, Heidi Schweingruber, Michelle Garra) will help guide our teachers as they prepare for their hour in and RE as well as be in the classroom on Sunday morning to help facilitate. The hope is that in creating an easier way for people to volunteer with our kids, we will cultivate a more varied and

more plentiful group of volunteers who are touching our RE classrooms each year, strengthening our multi-generational bonds. We also hope that in providing more embodied activities, our kids might gain a deeper understanding of why we come to church.

- **8th Grade OWL** planning is also underway. Thus far, there are two teachers (Andrew Brown and Katie Cervi) and who are available to teach part-time. We are working to get more volunteers trained in OWL and Kelli Danaker will become OWL certified as well. We are also reaching out to potential partner organizations so that we can expand the reach of OWL in our community.
- We are beginning to make progress with regard to our **joint nursery** with CUMC. We are signing up volunteers who can give two Sundays during the church year to provide nursery care. We will continue to recruit volunteers and look forward to nursery care returning to UUCC in September.
- The **youth group** continues to meet year-round. In recent weeks, the youth have learned about and discussed the Article II revision in depth, been trained to use Narcan and have been given their own supply of Narcan courtesy of Baltimore City Health Department, continued to raise funds through odd jobs to cover the costs of their upcoming West Virginia service trip, and researched and prepared presentations on aspects of life, economics, and culture in McDowell County, WV.
- Hannah Nelson and Lindsay Thompson are in the early stages of assembling an **accessibility & inclusion advisory committee** that will serve as a resource in ensuring our spaces, practices, signage, and language are fully welcoming to people of all abilities and needs.
- Hannah Nelson has facilitated a modification in Sunday morning **Sanctuary C setup** to allow for more armed chairs and space for rollators.
- Fifteen people from UUCC registered to participate in this year's **UUA General Assembly** held in Pittsburgh. Key results of the GA business agenda that affects our local congregation include:
 - The **election of Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt** as UUA president, the first queer person and the first woman of color to serve in this role
 - The adoption of several amendments to the proposed Article II revision, as well as the **approval of the preliminary Article II proposal**. With this approval, discussion will continue on the Article II proposal in anticipation of an adoption vote at the 2024 General Assembly.
 - A **business resolution** on the "Complete Divestment from the Fossil Fuel Industry and Subsequent Reparations" was not approved. In early June, UUCC's Endowment Board issued a position statement recommending that UUCC's eight delegates vote against this resolution.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Youth Service Trip** — Sunday, July 30 – Saturday, August 5, 2023
- **Board of Trustees meeting** — Tuesday, August 8, 2023
- **Ministerial sabbatical** — April 1 – August 31, 2023
- **Ingathering** — Sunday, September 10, 2023
- **Engagement Fair** — Sunday, September 24, 2023