

INCIDENTALS REPORT

October 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 September averaged 173 each week.
 - Average in-person adult attendance: 112
 - Average in-person children attendance: 15
 - Average Zoom connections: 46

MEMBERSHIP

- 7 first-time visitors completed **visitor forms** during the month of September.
- There were no membership changes during the month of September.

PROGRAM

- 18 congregants have registered so far for UUCC's **Women's Retreat**, happening April 19-21, 2024, at Camp Wabanna. The current average age of registrants is 54, with registrants ranging from ages 24-78.
- This year's **engagement fair** was held Sunday, September 24, with 27 UUCC groups represented at tables with table displays and snacks, and a lively, bustling crowd in attendance making their way around Sanctuary B. The fair was organized by the CORE team, led by Margaret LaFon, with extra day-of support from Dorothy Hutchins.
- 29 congregants gathered with **plant-rich diet team** members at Mango Grove on Sunday, October 1, after service for a meal out together. Plans for more group lunches are in the works.
- The newly-formed **Accessibility Committee** had their first virtual meeting co-led by Lindsay Thompson and Hannah Nelson. Also in attendance were Amber Stone, Pamela Henry, Suzi Gerb, Reginald Nettles, Merrill Pearson, Fynn Sorensen, and Chancellor. The team agreed that their first task is to assess the accessibility challenges of the congregation and our facilities and to create a priority list of needs to address.
- The **Chalice Choir** started their year with rehearsals on September 7 with 26 singers in attendance. The choir is prioritizing visual accessibility, and volunteers from the congregation have been helping to print large-scale scores for our singers with visual impairments.

- The **Chalice Concert Series** season kicks off on Saturday, October 7. As of October 4, 22 subscriptions or sponsorships have been purchased.
- UUCC is joining OBIC congregations Christ United Methodist Church, Muslim Family Center, Sri Sathya Sai Center, and Iglesia Apostolica Fuente de Verdad to host the **Warm Welcome Shelter** from **January 15-22, 2024**. Valerie has been facilitating these interfaith partnerships and conversations, while UUCC member Paula Nagy is coordinating logistics with Grassroots. The shelter will be hosted at the Grassroots Day Resource Center, and the congregations will be providing food, supplies, and volunteers throughout the week.
- Our local Giant grocery store is no longer donating fresh produce to our **Little Free Pantry** produce boxes due to corporate constraints.
- Planning for the **Owen Brown Community Halloween Party** is underway under the leadership of Jenny Afkinich (UUCC) and Emily Murphy (CUMC). This year's party is a joint effort by UUCC and CUMC to recruit congregants to offer activity stations and games to engage and get to know our Owen Brown neighbors. UUCC's high school youth are providing a haunted house activity, and UUCC's middle school youth are providing a costume parade and contest activity.

STAFF

- Paige will be speaking at an **interfaith dedication service** for Serenity Ridge, the first green burial cemetery in Maryland on October 20.
- Paige received **citations and resolutions** from the Howard County delegation of the Maryland General Assembly, the County Executive, and County Council in recognition of her 20 years of shared ministry with UUCC. County Executive Calvin Ball declared October 1, 2023, to be "Paige Getty Day."
- In partnership with Rev. Angela Wells of CUMC, Valerie has organized a team of 9 interfaith leaders to plan a **multifaith sacred space** at Howard County Pride on October 15, with an interfaith experience scheduled for 3PM during Pride.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Howard County Pride** — Sunday, October 15
- **Valerie away** — Tuesday, October 17-Wednesday, October 25
- **Owen Brown Community Halloween Party** — Sunday, October 29
- **Board meeting** — Tuesday, November 14
- **Trans Day of Remembrance** — Monday, November 20