February 2020 Executive Report
Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw

Our mission at UCDSM is to:
Grow ethically and spiritually (G)
Serve justly (S)
Love radically (L)

Lifespan Learning (Devon McClurken)
- RE Council meet for the first time since September. What was discussed was the service structure for next year, increase participation in the council with other members, adding new facilitators, ways to address classroom behavior and management, and a REACH Grant for the outside playground, adding and orientation for parents and facilitators, Parent group meetings on Wednesday nights, and expanding Play UU. (GS)
- There are still issues with finding enough people to assist with classes both on Sundays and on Wednesdays. A schedule for parents was made but there has been push back from some of the parents on participating in that schedule. (S)
- YRUU will be doing their youth-led Service March 8th. There has not been talk hosting a 2nd CON but 3 of the youth did participate in a CON in Indianapolis and have plans to attend another. (GS)
- There is an elementary OWL facilitator training happening in Davenport in March, but the timing hasn’t worked out for new people to attend. (ACTION ITEM: Devon will continue to provide opportunities to go to elem. OWL training)
- There is an Adult OWL facilitator training being offered in Cedar Rapids in the Summer and promotion of that was included in the intercom. Many new adult classes will be added for the Winter Spring term including a Trance and Meditation class, a Webinar on the history of UU and a Pagan and Liturgy Ritual class (G)

Membership and Community (Lyra Halsten)
- Recruited new Hospitality team leaders (S)
- Assigned new Hospitality team members to teams (S)

Childcare (Julie Morocho)
- Provided childcare for approximately 39 children (S)

Pastoral Care
- Members of the Pastoral Care team continued to hold sessions of the informal grief circle group led by Sally Boeckholt. (GLS)
(Barb Glass- Pastoral Care)
- Had a total of 24 contacts during the month of February, excluding Amy’s contacts. Amy had an additional 8 individual contacts, including one multi-hour intervention and one funeral with family support (SL)

Caring Committee
- Provided multiple meals for one person (SL)
- Provided rides for 3 people (SL)

Facility/Grounds
- The large trees in the front and side yard were trimmed, and the canopies raised 14 feet (S)

Social Justice/Outreach
(Morgan Dredge- Asylum Seekers)
- The Immigration Support team continues to work to find sponsors and financial support for asylum seekers. (SL)

(Katie Allen- Faith in Action and other)
- For the month of March plans were made and work was accomplish with the Social Justice Ministry Leadership Team (SJMLT) to present the “Walking the Way of Sorrows”. This collaborative effort highlights how our voices regardless of where they come from can and do come together to stand and fight against brutal immigration policies. (G,L,S)
- Faith in Action started its partnership with Iowa Justice for our Neighbors. Due to the virus outbreak, much of the planned volunteer opportunities have been curtailed for the time being. (G,L,S)
- Katie Allen hosted the Changing Systems/ Changing Ourselves. This piggybacked to the Immigration justice meeting with the Quakers and other faith-based groups. The attendance was 16. A little lower than last month, but many who were there last month indicated they would be viewing on-line at home. (G,L,S)

(Barb Klubal- Write Here, Write Now)
- During February and early March our congregation wrote 26 letters to our US Senators as part of our monthly "Write Here, Write Now" campaign. Members of the UUSJ Advocacy Team hand-delivered the letters to the offices of the Senators on March 10. The topic of the letters was protecting those in the US who are part of the TPS (Temporary Protected Status) program.
- Barb will be contacting the UUSJ regarding any changes to "Write Here, Write Now," that may be put in place as a result of the coronavirus.
(Bruce Martin- FEDS)
- FEDS are scheduled to serve again on March 16th at the homeless shelter. (SL)

(Ron Heideman- We Are Church Confessing)
- The February 2nd WACC event was cancelled due to weather.

(Aidan Zingler, Doug Aupperle- Transgender Action Group)
- Sign-ups continue for the Trans Lives Festival on Saturday, March 28 (L)
- Winter trans education/training with Father Zebulon Treloar happened on Feb. 25 (G)
- TAG will be reading at the Des Moines Library on Saturday, June 13, 2020

(Elaine Imlau- Family Promise)
- Family Promise week is scheduled March 1-8

Updates
Membership Numbers Summary:
- Number of new members in February- 2
- Deceased -
- Moved –
- Withdrawed membership -

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Operations.
- We formally signed on with PushPay and began the on-boarding procedure. Much of the work will overlap with the stewardship campaign as we will move people over from VANCO (those who are utilizing VANCO) as they respond to the campaign. The development work for the customized app is expected to begin mid-March with rollout anticipated mid to late April.
Perpetual Calendar Items
January – Budget Roundtables
February
March – Draft Budget presented to Board, Monitoring Report II.A (Quarterly), II.C
April - Final Budget presented to Board for Approval, Monitoring Report II.B (Annual)
May
June – Monitoring Report II.A (Annual)
July
August
September – Monitoring Report II.A (Quarterly)
October
November
December – Monitoring Report II.A (Quarterly - Initial)