June 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)
- During the Summer there is one UU Faith Formation class on Zoom at 9:30 am before the service. Parents are able to log in with the youth to do a lesson with the DFF around the month’s theme. We have had an average of 2-3 families log in. We will continue this through the Summer (LSG)
- A UU RE Facebook group Devon has joined is in the planning stages of a UU Summer Camp online but more information is still yet to come. There have been other camps that have gone virtual and information has been passed on to families. (SG)
- CUUPS is holding a weekly chat on Monday nights and starting a new four week course called Paganism 101. (SG)
- Rev. Amy started a Bible Story group on Friday nights which is continuing with between 13 and 17 people in attendance weekly. (SG)
- Humanism and Sage have been meeting online in addition to all but one Circle Group. Circle Groups are set to end in June but one group will continue to meet as a small group. They have been provided with resources to continue that. A small committee will meet in July to discuss Adult programming for the fall. (SG)
- There was a survey sent out to get input on the best way to engage people and responses were few but there are a few ideas that Devon will be exploring for the summer. (SG)

Membership and Community (Lyra Halsten)
- Pastoral Care – 18 visits
- Cards – Cards were sent to 3 people.
- A New Member Class was held on June 29, 2020. Twenty-two people registered for the class and 18 people attended. Intent to join forms are still being sent in; some people have chosen to mail them in, and some people have e-mailed them. At this time, Lyra has received Intent to Join forms from three people; she’s waiting on mailed-in forms from one person; she’s gotten a request from one person asking for forms to be mailed to her and she’s following up with everyone else to see if they have additional questions.

Childcare (Julie Morocho)
- On hiatus due to Corona virus
(Ann Mowry- Pastoral Care)

- Pastoral Care continued with Zoom meetings this month. (G)
- Continue to assist with the phone trees by making routine calls to the people they are supporting (SL)
- Members of the Pastoral Care team continued to hold sessions of the informal grief circle group led by Sally Boeckholt by Zoom. (GLS)
- 18 contacts by group members, 11 phone contacts by Rev. Amy (GSL)
- Rev. Amy held a training for all pastoral care associates on June 13 (GSL)

Caring Committee

- No requests in June

Facility/Grounds (Diane Ford/Doug Aupperle)

- Care of grounds continues in June (S)
- Diane Ford ordered mulch to be delivered to the church in 2 cubic foot bags (S)
- Sue Huber and Sandy Simmons helped Diane fine-tune weed the Pollinator Garden and they were ready to plant additional prairie plant plugs ordered (S)
- Diane would like to take the border blocks from around those two "wild" beds on the east parking lot and move them to the Pollinator Garden to finish making a hard border. Decided to let those two parking lot areas remain wild, and the blocks are buried in the weeds and plants. (S)
- Elaine Imlau, Kent Newman and Sachiko Murphy weeded the two beds on the north side, and they look wonderful. They will help mulch those two beds. (S)
- Sean Morrow cleaned up around the play area on the west side. Enough mulch is ordered to put another 1" layer around the area closest to the church. (S)
- Enough mulch is ordered to cover the hosta area by the Memorial Garden in 2". That area has been weeded. (S)
- Still asking for help to: RED=ACTION ITEM
  1. Weed Memorial Garden area
  2. Weed patio
  3. Weed down east stairs
  4. Weed retaining wall area on west side
  5. Help move stones from east parking lot to Pollinator Garden
  6. Help mulch the above areas this Saturday or Sunday

- Looking for help to trim a largish walnut branch hanging really low over the Peace Pole Garden (S)
- Sue Huber and the Kruses have adopted the Peace Pole Garden. Elaine Imlau and Kent Newman have adopted the beds under the oaks. Al Powers, Anne Mowery, Bruce and Barb Martin pick up trash. Sean Morrow volunteers weekly. Sandy Simmons and Sue Huber are helping me with the Pollinator Garden, as well as Rich and Jody Anderson. (S)
• The storage shed needs straightening sometime. (S)
• The garbage and recycling area needs attention. (S)

Social Justice/Outreach
(Morgan Dredge- Asylum Seekers)
• The immigration justice team has been meeting via zoom to work on coordinating the next move for Briana. She will be moving to her own apartment in late June
• The immigration justice team is currently having an Apartment-set up drive to furnish Briana’s apartment.
• Briana has been taking English classes with Sue Huber.
• Lisa Irey filmed a 6-minute video to ask for congregational funding help for Immigration support

(Katie Allen- Social Justice Ministry Leadership Team (SJMLT))
• Social Justice Ministry Leadership Team (SJMLT) is scheduled to begin meeting again in July

(Judy Haver- Faith in Action)
• FIA met to review the outcome of the annual meeting vote for the two 2020-21 community partners. (S)
• They were pleased with the voting method and would use approval voting again. (SG)
• FIA resolves to not promote organizations at the time of the voting if we choose to have a congregational vote at the annual meeting in 2021. It is time consuming and unnecessary; they plan to ensure that our membership has access to these well-known nonprofits’ information leading up to vote. (SG)
• FIA contacted the applicants who were not selected. (S)
• FIA notified the new community partners & their champions for the 2020-21 and came up with an agenda for items to address with them. (S)
• FIA met with new community partners, PPGI & Central Iowa Immigrant Community Support Fund, and their UU champions separately via Zoom. They outlined roles, dates, payment arrangements for the donations and a general get to know you. They also addressed the uncertainty about donation amounts and volunteer planning due to Covid 19 exposure risks. (SL)

(Barb Klubal- Write Here, Write Now)
• In June 2020, 5 members of First Unitarian wrote a total of 10 letters to our U.S. Senators, urging them to secure our vote by providing $4 billion for free, fair, safe, and secure elections -- and supporting the United States Postal Service. During the pandemic, the UUSJ is emailing letters to Congress. (S)
• Letter writing by our members continues to be markedly reduced since the closing of our church building. Donna Wallace and Barb Klubal notify our members of each month’s letter-writing topic through the Intercom, Facebook and our 100+ email list. (S)
(Bruce Martin- FEDS)

- FEDS delivered (but didn't serve) monthly dinner food to the homeless shelter--c. 200 served, 5 volunteers. (SGL)

(Ron Heideman- We Are Church Confessing and Pachamama Alliance)

- On hold due to Coronavirus

(Gianfranco Berardi, Doug Aupperle- Transgender Action Group)

- TAG did not meet in June

(Elaine Imlau- Family Promise and FFFF/PPP 2020)

- FFFFF-At the close of Post Pandemic Party ticket sales $13,772 was raised from 108 households (S)
- Family Promise had no activity this month

(Barb Royal, Deidra Fudge, Liz Bredesen- Communication Group)

- The new communication group has continued to meet to develop branding, marketing strategies, and social media platform strategies. They have begun shaping a media plan and have selected social media platforms to go forward with. (S)
- They have found a vendor to create the new web site and the vendor has been hired (SG)
- They are meeting weekly with Rev. Amy and monthly with Kerrie Lee (S)
- The new website cost is approximately $10K and funds have already been found to cover this.

Updates

Service Attendance (# of households/screens, NOT number of people):
117 Dream of Peace, Fight for Justice
92 Passion, Compassion, and the Faith of the Free,
83 What Are We Afraid Of? (Louise Alcorn)
91 God's Debris: An Agnostic Thought Exercise by Scott Adams
Membership Numbers Summary:

- Number of new members in June -
- Deceased -
- Moved -
- Withdrew membership -
- Number of registered adult visitors –

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