

President's Message – August 2015

Summer is coming to its close. Many are all returning from our travels, kids are going back to school, and we are all starting to get back into the swing of our normal routine in our church community. I for one am glad to be back, and am looking forward to more activities picking back up at church. No matter if you are a long time member, a recently joined member, or just beginning to visit our church there will be activities for fellowship and spiritual growth picking up in the next month. Come and join in on the fun and great discussions.

Speaking of summer travels and renewing engagement at SMUUC, the youth undertook their trip to Boston in late July and by all accounts had a very good time exploring their Unitarian Universalist roots. I was heartened upon my own return to church to see that the youth were still in not only in attendance, but in service and enjoying fellowship afterward. Too often, in my experience in other faith communities, do these types of trips signify a sort of graduation and end to youth participation in the congregation. It is great to see not only are our youth sticking around, but also new youth visiting almost every week. I think we can all take a page from the youth, and dive back into church life.

If you're having difficulty finding something that interests you at church, as a youth or adult, I encourage you to reach out. Talk with someone at the Visitors Table even if you're not a visitor. Find a Board member. Corner me. We seek to invite all into our caring community, inspire the search for spiritual growth and involve all in working for a peaceful, fair and free world. We have more options than just Sunday mornings to make that happen, and I strongly encourage participation beyond. You won't regret it.

Let's kick it all off with a bang at the back to school picnic next Sunday. A great opportunity for fellowship and fun for everyone.

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Board President