

## President's Message – July 2015

It's been busy at SMUUCH in terms of new and upcoming programs for public outreach.

The Green Guitar Folk House got off to a great start featuring Peter Mayer. It was so successful that is growing faster than expected. Originally the expectation was to start with a single show every quarter, but you may have noticed a show already scheduled for August. This is an exciting program for SMUUCH to house and provides ample opportunities for members to volunteer and interact with people coming in from the wider community.

SMUUCH also started an advertising campaign as a KCUR (89.3 FM) underwriter which many of you have already heard. The increase in visibility will hopefully bring us more individuals who are interested in our shared vision. Better still will be if we can engage those people in a personally meaningful way that will inspire them to help us further our mission. Jim Crist developed an excellent list of groups that can help people find activities that interest them, let's put it to good use.

We have also seen the kickoff of our summer camp program for this year. Based on the enrollment from our congregation and the surrounding community, there is a great amount of interest for summer value based summer programming outside of vacation bible schools and sleep-away camps. Our great staff and a dedicated group of volunteers are working hard to make sure the over 100 children who are in attendance have a safe and enjoyable experience for the week. That is no small feat, especially considering the number attending more than doubles our typical weekly average for religious education attendance.

These three are encouraging examples of what our congregation can accomplish when ideas are put forth and dedicated volunteers work together, providing the time and energy, to achieve excellent additions to the life of the church and contribute to the wider community. Moreover, they are wonderful ways to engage those outside the church and share our Unitarian Universalist values in an interactive and meaningful way.

Keep up the good work SMUUCH.

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Board President