

Minister & Staff Reports
June 9, 2014

Minister Report
Rev. Thom Belote

Highlights since the last Board Meeting (5/12/14)

Worship

- Preached and led worship on May 18, May 25, and June 1. Will preach on June 8
- Met regularly with Dave Simmons to plan music
- Met with Worship Committee to hand-off summer worship schedule.
- Met with member of the church to provide feedback and suggestions about her lay sermon.
- Finalized Summer Worship Schedule

June 22	Jordinn Nelson Long (UU Seminarian)
June 29	Timothy Hoare (JCCC Humanities Professor)
July 6	Marjorie Rice (Preaching Practicum graduate)
July 13	Jon Coffee (UU Seminarian)
July 20	Vern Barnet (UU Community Minister)
July 27	Kathy Riegelman (UU Community Minister)
August 3	Bernie Norcott-Mahany (SMUUCH member)
August 10	Mary Matzeder (SMUUCH member)

Membership

- Supported Exploring Membership class by sending out email to families in Visitor and Active Visitor status. Set up room for Exploring Membership class led by Dale Trott on 6/1 and 6/8.
- Compiled list of 129 families in Visitor or Active Visitor status and sent to membership committee.
- Sent volumes of membership notes and materials to Fern Aron and Vickie Trott.

Pastoral Care and Rites of Passage

- Pastoral care included phone calls and home visitation.
- Held several good-bye meetups with members of the congregation. These have included meals, coffees, and conversations in my office. More of these are scheduled in the coming week.

Church Community and Programming

- Attended disc golf auction event sponsored by Jay Hetz
- Will hold meeting on 6/8 to gather team of Adult RE leaders

Administration & Leadership

- Met with staff
- Met with Executive Committee
- Attended board orientation on 5/31

Collegiality and Community

- Had a leave-taking celebratory lunch with local UU colleagues to celebrate the new ministries of Jim Parrish and myself.

Upcoming Work

- Wedding for Active Visitors on 6/14 in Abilene
- Final worship service at SMUUCH on 6/15
- Preparing extensive pastoral care notes to hand off to Interim Minister.
- Preparing for Exit Interview with Lisa Presley on 6/16.

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- **Curriculum / Programming**

- Each week I prepared for the following Children's Chapel. I am preparing lessons from the *Alike and Different* Curriculum.
- I continued to work on Summer Camp – *Mud, Magic, and Make-Believe: Creativity in the Garden* (as of today, we are expecting close to 70 kids).
 - With the help of Gaby Kusko, our Pre-K garden is flourishing. A rain barrel was put in place to water the small garden.
 - Recruited Gaby Kusko to lend her teaching talents and knowledge of botany to our camp. She will be presenting opportunities for kids to do some scientific experiments with plants. The theme each day will follow the life-cycle of the plant.
 - Finalized all paid help and volunteers for camp. There will be between 15-20 staff/volunteers each day.
 - Finalized menu with Penny Burdge.
 - Sent out registrations/camp informational packets to new families.
- Janie Next Door (Kid's Musician) performed to an audience of 55 plus kids during Children's Fellowship May 25th.

UPCOMING:

- Summer Camp! June 16th -19th.

- **Teacher/Volunteer Management**

- Continued to manage our child care team.
- Managed volunteer teachers, six staff members.
- Worked with the RE Committee to put teachers in place for next fall.

UPCOMING:

- Teacher training.
- Train Kati Channel in RE Assistant duties.

- **Youth Group**

- Supported Jay as he finalizes plans for the service trip to Turley, OK.
 - Fundraising efforts

- **Special Projects/Worship Service:**

- See Summer Camp above.
- One Time for All Ages in the month of May.

- **RE Committee**

- Set the agenda for the monthly RE Committee meeting.

- We met on May 14th.
- **UPCOMING:** RE Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 11th – we will put in final decorations for camp.

Attendance for May: Average of 62 students each Sunday.

Music Report
Dave Simmons

Many thanks to our guest musicians in May including Will Padek, Nathan Sovereign, Bodhi Hetz, Brenna Koehler, James Adair, Tess Adair, Choraliers, and Lori Levens,

Both choirs will take a break through the summer and reconvene sometime in August.

Now that this church year is nearly over I will take some time to reflect on the past year including lifting up our successes musically as well as addressing areas for improvement and growth.

We had a wonderful end of the year party on May 28th. Jim Crist graciously hosted the party at his beautiful home in Overland Park. a great time was had by all! Many thanks to the Choraliers for their wonderful musical contributions this year.

Music has been planned for services June, July. I will be coordinating with the guest ministers on hymns, Order of service, etc.

I am looking forward to attending this year's UUMN conference which will be held in San Diego. I have never been to California so I am looking forward to this excursion. The conference will take place July 16-20.