

Report from the Co-Ministers

February 7, 2018

Overview

After a special congregational meeting in which a motion to address five buildings-related projects passed with overwhelming support and a unanimous vote to ordain Intern Minister Amanda Weatherspoon, the ministry here at UUCB is showing signs of strength and health. We are also pleased to share that we certified 371 members with the UUA last week, an increase from last year's 365.

Worship

- The Worship Associates team is going on a retreat the last Sunday in February. Rather than a didactic retreat, the team opted for a more experiential gathering this year, so we will be visiting a congregation very different from our own. We hope this will move us a bit outside our comfort zone and help us see our own worship practices and traditions with new eyes, much the same way a visit far from home helps one see home anew.
- Rev. Kristin has been working with Merrin to coordinate more meaningful opportunities for children and youth to participate in worship. We will see some fruit of those efforts starting this Sunday, February 11 and will continue to work towards the goal of a truly multigenerational worshipping and learning community.

Stewardship

- The Stewardship Committee's work is well underway! Online giving is up and being fine-tuned, and the initial pledge drive information has already gone out to the congregation. The stewardship campaign will officially kick off the first Sunday in March and conclude the last Sunday of that month with the co-moderator of the UUA, Barb Greve preaching.
- This year, Stewardship has set a goal of increasing overall pledges by 20%. The Schmidt family has increased our giving by 25% for the 2018-2019 year and we hope you all as fellow Board members will join us in considering how much you can increase your giving.

Pastoral Care

- The Pastoral Associates continue to do amazing work tending to the regular pastoral needs of the congregation and collaborating with Rev. Christian about who needs care from one of the ministers. We would like to express our ongoing thanks and praise for Barbara Cullinane and the other Pastoral Associates who truly share this important aspect of the ministry of this congregation.
- The Pastoral Associates are currently working with Rev. Christian to take stock of the pastoral load, assess the kinds and levels of care the congregation provides, and consider whether things ought to be added or removed from the scope of care we provide together.