

Report from the Co-Ministers
February 7, 2018

Spiritual Growth and Faith Development

- Family Ministry is beginning to plan for Easter Sunday, and plans for the next church year are in initial stages. We are pleased with the health and vitality of this largest program at UUCB and continue to be thankful for the hard work and collaboration of our Director of Family Ministries, Merrin Clough.
- Since August we have tried a number of different initiatives for adult connection and growth and we are now in a place of discernment about which of these to continue. Church on Tap is going well and has even has some interest among volunteers to build on the idea. However, while there was one month when a total of 8 people showed up to Community Office Hours, attendance during other months has been spotty. Sunday morning adult RE offerings have also seen spotty attendance. We will make a decision about whether we will continue offering these opportunities by the end of this month.

Administration

- Things are in transition as Skytown has moved out of our nursery space and work (painting and fence installation) happens so that our new tenant, Good Earth, can move in.
- Revs. Kristin and Christian will begin doing staff evaluations this month. We had hoped to get to them in January, but we are still playing some catch-up after a fall and early winter with two of our main staff members out on leave.
- The Coordinating Team is working to formulate not only a balanced budget for 2018-2019, but a budget with a surplus in order to begin addressing the cumulative deficit. If the congregation meets the Stewardship goal of a 20% increase in giving, no cuts to staff or programs will need to be made. The Coordinating Team is also assembling a team to increase income by better marketing our spaces.

Outreach (to the community and UUA)

- The Ministerial Formation Network of which Rev. Christian is a member will be having a gathering here at UUCB this month.
- Members of our congregation have already formed a team that is being trained to accompany an undocumented family in our community as they navigate the immigration system. That we have begun this work even before the vote to declare UUCB a Sanctuary congregation speaks to the commitment of this congregation to truly walk its talk. What a gift to be your ministers!