

## DLE Board Report – April 2016

### Curriculum for Children and Youth:

- 10:30am: Programming & Education for Children and Youth
  - **This Month for Children...** April brings with it the theme of Traditions & Celebration of our Judeo-Christian Heritage, as it relates to our UU principles and sources. Lessons will include a basic understanding of the figure of Jesus as a teacher of love, peace, and justice. Additionally, we will have a children's Passover Seder this month. The last Sunday of the month will feature our Activity Centers.
  - **This Month for Youth...** This month our youth will continue to explore justice as they consider Leadership and Social projects around access/in access to food/resources.

### Volunteer/Training/Housekeeping Matters:

- Per usual, volunteerism is low. Although we have had some success in getting people to cover the open Sunday teaching slots, there are still only a handful of people assisting with the Sunday program for children and youth over all. We have also not been able to organize additional youth activities this year as we did last year due to lack of volunteers.

### Families:

- Friday Night Out for April was 04.08.2016 – we had 12 children registered and we were fully staffed. This continues to be an important, and much needed ministry.
- The children's Art Reception received good feedback, and I think that we should consider making this an annual part of the Stewardship Campaign.
- Our Parenting Group led by Laura Matchett has met with some success. It will continue Sunday mornings from 9:45am-10:15pm through the end of May, when they plan to take the summer off.

### Adult Programming:

- Brewing Community: The group will meet at Right Brain Brewery from 5-7pm on Thursday 04.14.16 and Thursday 04.28.16.
- Wednesday Colloquiums:

- Due to a cancelation for medical reasons our only colloquium scheduled in April is as follows:
  - Paul Ward – The Art of Medicine (a reprise of a sermon he gave earlier this year.)
- NEW! Memoir Writing Group - Mondays at 1:00pm on May 2, 9, 16, 23. Participants will write stories from their life experiences and share them with the group. No topics will be assigned. The intent is that the writings will be about happenings in the lives of each participant. The group will be led by congregant Sara Boys who leads/participates in a similar group at the Sarasota, FL UU they attend in the winter.

**Staffing Matters:**

My regular Sunday off in April is 4/24.

**Policy:**

I continue to work with the Safe Congregation Task Force as necessary. When matters that fall into this category arise, they require a great deal of time and energy.

**Attendance:** class # is all age groups combined, N = Nursery

03.06.16 – N=2, 10

03.11.16 – FNO – 10

03.13.15 – N=2, 8

03.20.16 – N=1, 7

03.27.16 – All Congregation Service