

## **DLE Board Report – November 2016**

### **Curriculum for Children and Youth:**

- **10:30am: Programming & Education for Children and Youth**
  - Sunday programming for Children and Youth throughout the 2016 - 2017 program year will complement the Sunday Services in our efforts to move closer to congregational thematic ministry. This thematic calendar will be exploring the source traditions, and considering wisdom from around the world.

#### **Sundays in November:**

- As an entire congregation, we will be considering the theme of “Covenantal Community” in the month of November. In our Sunday classes for children, we’ll be thinking about community and engaging in activities like creating classroom covenants and learning about ways to work together in the world. We will also think about our relationship with the world community by beginning to talk about our second-annual Heifer Tree project, which will begin in December.

#### **Suggested readings for families/parents this month include:**

- [Under the Rose Apple Tree – Thich Nhat Hanh](#)
- [A Pebble for Your Pocket – Thich Nhat Hanh](#)
- Our youth will be completing and presenting a lesson that they have created for the younger children that offers themes such as “being yourself” and “acceptance”. The youth will remain in the service with adults on 11/27 (Thanksgiving Weekend).

### **Volunteer/Training/Housekeeping Matters:**

- **Volunteers:** As always, we could use more assistance staffing the various programs we offer.

### **Families & Other Child/Youth Programming:**

- **Friday Night Out** for November is 11/11 – it is fully staffed and we have 12 children. This is capacity for two staff people. We also have a waitlist for this month of 2 children. Additionally, parents are already preregistering for December (we already have 8 children signed up for December). This is a program that could be expanded if given the resources to do so.
- **The Nurturing Families Committee** will meet on 11/9/16 at 9:15 am as noted in my previous board report.
- **Coming of Age** - Heather Shumaker and Marco Cabrera continue to collaborate on this idea, and intend to offer an update at upcoming Lifespan Committee Meetings as it develops.
- **OWL** – As offered in my report from last month, a parent survey has been sent to those who had expressed interest in the OWL program. This survey will help us to determine if

we have enough commitment to offer OWL in early 2017, as well as the days/times that work for most parents.

**Adult Programming:** *As mentioned last month, adult programming is an important part of the Lifespan Experience Program of this congregation. In fact, our committee has had, and continues to have an Adult Programming Representative to help us connect with and serve this portion of our congregation. We are fortunate that John Hoffmann is in this role for the second year.*

#### **Updates for this Month:**

- Sunday Morning Learning Opportunity: 9am Program with Rabbi Chava – this program will meet on November 6<sup>th</sup>, and then not again until December due to the schedule, as well as holidays.
- Brewing Community: This group will meet at the Workshop Brewing Company on 11/10 from 5-7pm. This will be the only gathering for the month of November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. *As was mentioned last month, everyone is welcome at this family friendly gathering, and locations are specifically chosen based on their family-friendliness, and availability of food and non-alcoholic options.*
- Wednesday Supper & Program: *This supper group is formally chaired by Sandra McDonald and reporting on this group is included herein because of the group ministry function that the supper itself serves. The programming that follows or is associated with the supper is coordinated under Lifespan Experience.*
  - Wednesday Supper: 5:30pm-6pm social time, 6pm supper. 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays are potluck, 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays are \$5/adult, \$3/child 10 and under. There is often no supper the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (11/23/16), but the group has yet to determine this. The decision of the group will be made known via the Flash.
  - Wednesday Programming: This month we will offer a film following the supper on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War, a documentary by Ken Burns and Artemis Joukowsky offers the story of Waitstill and Martha Sharp, husband and wife UUs, who risked their lives to rescue people from the Holocaust. This film showing is being led by Rabbi Chava.
- CUUPS: The CUUPS small group ministry (Covenant of UU Pagans) had a successful Pagan Fair on October 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. The event attracted over 100 individuals from throughout the community, and we have already received feedback that folks can't wait until next year. (We had 3 children utilize our childcare option on Friday night.) Offering an event of this type widens and deepens our reach in the region as we connect with individuals of various spiritual paths. The fact that artisans and merchant vendors are included also draws in those who might never have walked through our doors.

Additionally, the educational component in terms of the workshops offered, provide the community with the opportunity to “freely explore diverse religious thought”.

**Staffing Matters:**

I intend to take 11/27 of as my regular Sunday off in November. This could prove not to be the case if I continue to be unable to find a volunteer to assist in the classroom that week. This would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> month in a row in which I have not taken a Sunday off. I continue to discuss time away following the birth of our daughter in December with Rabbi Chava.

**Policy:**

I continue to work with the Safe Congregation Task Force. The SCRT now meets regularly to proactively discuss safety matters and procedural questions.

**Attendance:** This section is revised per request to include numbers from the previous year month-to-month in comparison format. *Please remember to note that the attendance taken in class is generally more accurate than the count that greeters attempt to make during the service for the reasons cited in last month’s board report.*

<b>October 2015 – Sundays</b>	<b>October 2016 - Sundays</b>
10.04.15 – 9am=6, N=0, 10:30am = 8 , N=1 (Total of 14, N=1)	10.02.16 – 3 (9am childcare for program), 10:30am=7, N=1 (Total of 10, N=1)
10.11.15 – 9am = 4, N=0, 10:30am = 6, N=1 (Total of 10, N=1)	10.09.16 – 1 (9am childcare for program), 10:30am = 5, N=1 (Total of 6, N=1)
10.18.15 – 9am = 4, N=0, 10:30am = 10, N=1 (Total of 14, N=1)	10.16.16 – 2 (9am childcare for program), 10:30 = 15, N=3 (Total of 17, N=3)
10.25.15 – 9am = 6, N=1, 10:30am 8, N=1 (Total of 14, N=2)	10.23.16 – N/A, 10:30 = 4, N=1 (Total of 4, N=1)
	10.30.16 – 2 (9am childcare for program) N=2, All Congregation Service
<b>October 2015 FNO</b>	<b>October 2016 FNO</b>
09.11.15 – FNO - 9	10.14.16 – FNO - 9