

## DLE Board Report – May 2016

### Curriculum for Children and Youth:

- 10:30am: Programming & Education for Children and Youth
  - **This Month for Children...** May brings with it the theme of Ecology. We celebrated the people who "mom" us, including Mother Earth on Mother's Day. Other stories this month will include "Henry Builds a Cabin" by D.B. Johnson and the "Tiny Seed" by Eric Carle. The last Sunday of the month will feature our Activity Centers.
  - **This Month for Youth...** This month our youth will continue to consider what justice-seeking looks like in the world – this includes playing “The Homelessness Board Game”.
- **Volunteer/Training/Housekeeping Matters:**
  - Per usual, volunteerism is very low. As of the writing of this report I do not have enough volunteers to staff our Friday Night Out program on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, nor do I have enough volunteers to staff Sunday programming on Memorial Day Weekend.

### Families:

- Friday Night Out for May is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>. We have 11 children registered and only one paid staff person able to supervise it. It is very difficult to find volunteers for this program – I may have to work this Friday Night Out myself, which is not a sustainable option. This is the only regularly scheduled ministry/outreach we have for families.
- Our Parenting Group led by Laura Matchett has taken a break for the summer. The intention is that they may have some informal gatherings such as play-dates, picnics, etc. throughout the summer, but intend to meet again formally on Sundays in the fall.

### Adult Programming:

- Brewing Community: This group has switched to its summer schedule and will meet on the last Wednesday of the month in conjunction with Wednesday Supper Out.
- Wednesday Colloquiums:
  - The last colloquium for the 2015/2016 programmatic season is Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Karin Killian will speak on Fairtrade Farming in Central America
- Wednesday Supper:
  - The last regular meal at the congregation for the 2015/2016 programmatic season will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. May 25<sup>th</sup> is the first scheduled meal out for the summer in conjunction with Brewing Community – this will occur at Rare Bird Brewery. Following in June summer potlucks in people’s homes will occur. As mentioned under Brewing Community, the last Wednesday of each month will be dinner out at a restaurant/brewery/eatery.

- The new Memoir Writing Group kicked off this month. This group will meet on 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.
- CUUPS continues to meet for lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at the That's A Pizza, Long Lake Rd location.

**Staffing Matters:**

My regular Sunday off in May is 5/29. I will also be coordinating with the operations team to take some additional time off to use some of my personal time this month.

**Policy:**

I continue to work with the Safe Congregation Task Force as necessary. Safe Congregation matters have required a good deal of time thus far in the month of May.

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

\*The Nursery clipboard has disappeared – no nursery numbers available for April.

04.03.16 – All Congregation Service

04.08.16 – FNO – 12

04.10.16 – 11

04.17.16 – 12

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