

First Unitarian Universalist Church
Rochester, MN
Faith Development Team

Chalice Lighting

Team Check-In - Present - Marie Davidiak, Karmen Frana, Kim Reid, Chantelle Feddersen, Amy Nelson, Derik Robertson

Guests (if requested to be on the agenda)

DFD Updates

“Attendance” updates - Attendance has been very good at church-wide ‘drivethru’ events. There have been other, smaller events for children and families that have also been well attended. We are averaging about 30+ kits a month going out to our Faith Development Kids (PreK-5th Grade). January and February numbers have been down, but Amy is anticipating an uptick with the nicer weather. Chantelle has been putting the kits together - usually a coloring sheet, craft, activity, family activity. Amy has been putting together a resource brochure.

Youth are ‘meeting’ about twice a month. Derik has been putting out ‘lessons’ around the monthly theme each month. He will continue to do this until no one uses the materials. Attendance has been spotty, but worthwhile.

Upcoming events - Sledding with the Youth. Stewardship Kick-off on March 6, Spirit Kid Kit pickup March 14, Stewardship DriveThru Event on March 21, Park date March 20 (trying to hold them on the third Saturday of each month) There will be some type of Chalice Camp this summer! Held in July. More details to come.

Follow-Up

Curriculum Check-in - Soul Matters update

Plan to use the Soul Matters theme/curriculum next year - try to integrate it more with the other lessons. Difficult to definitively plan for next year since we aren’t quite sure how things will be by fall - Questions: Will we need as many classes each Sunday? Will we need classes every Sunday of the month?

Amy has been working on a website so families that are not comfortable with coming to the church can print/access items at home. She is hoping to do a ‘soft launch’ in March to test it out.

Visioning

Ideas for Adult Faith Development

Lots of groups meeting still through the pandemic. Hopefully more classes to be held next year as we are hopeful there will be an option for in-person in some capacity.

2021-2022 Faith Development options (PreK-5)

Karmen is willing to help develop a googleclassroom over the summer to make it a more interactive option for kids who are not coming on a regular basis (or for those who are!)

Budget for 2021-2022

We are going to need some new OWL facilitators trained. We can definitely use some of the RE budget for that next year. Amy is also looking at more flexible seating options and using rooms in more creative ways (sensory, movement, craft, etc.) Is there a need for new technology?

We are hoping to change Chantelle's position to Assistant to DFD (or something like that) and increase hours to a salaried 15 hours a month. She would continue to help with organizing materials and coordinating child care as needed.

Boston Pilgrimage 2022? Adult Pilgrimage

Lots of good discussion around this - will revisit at next meeting.

Upcoming Dates

Meetings in April/May - Next meeting - Wednesday, April 28 at 7:30pm

For Future Reference

Look at Boston for 2022/2023

Survey Youth & Adults

Chalice Camp