

**Congregational Life Shared Ministry Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Nov 9, 2022**  
**3:00pm**

In attendance: Melissa, Robin, Lisa, Jody

**Next Meeting Dates:**

**Wednesday, January 25th, 2023 @ 1:30pm** (Robin will be in Alaska, so ZOOM may be used)  
**Wednesday, April 26th, 2023 @ 1:30pm**

**Shared Ministry Update: Jodi**

- Shared Ministry Meeting on September 25th  
All in agreement that our structure is good within the CCL team. No specific “roles”  
Continued work on creating a “Welcoming Community” in all areas, declined doing a  
specific “forum” on Wednesday evenings.

**Membership: Melissa**

- New Member Luncheon held on September 18th , 48 attending
- As of last meeting (Sept 7, 2022) 12 new members
- November 20th, New Member Sunday, 7+ members joining, Deadline Nov 24th for congregational voting in May)
- New Nametags made for ALL members
- Melissa will work on updating Pathway to Membership videos during winter months.
- 390 Membership after new members, could be well over 400 before Annual Meeting

**Chalice Circles/ Small Group Ministry: Melissa**

- 60 participants, 7 Chalice Circle Facilitators
- Chalice Circle Sampler held on Oct 2nd, 3 attended, and all joined circles

**Walden Hill Wednesdays: Melissa**

- 4 Cook Teams, Leaders:Heather Hanson, Jack Weber, Lucy Bahn, Pam Millen
- Adjusted time, 5:30pm Dinner, 6:30pm Fireside Forum,( occasionally 7pm larger Forum)
- Childcare available for time of Forum

**Fellowship: Robin**

- Creative Arts Series, Started in May, 2022 booked through Jan
- Armchair Travelers Nov 11th
- UU Friendsgiving Feast, November 24
- Holiday Cookie Exchange December 11th, 10:15am in Conference Room
- Holiday Treat Reception, December 24th, 5pm in Commons
- Possible Poem Sharing Night, December 31st, Robin will arrange
- 12th Night Bonfire, January 7th, Squash Blossom Farm, 4pm-6pm
- Uu Women’s Retreat, Nov 17-19, 2023

- Suggestion of starting a quilting circle “Stitch & B@tch”
- Suggested the ALL BIRTHDAY Potluck in Spring

**Hospitality: Melissa/Robin**

- Getting Involved Pamphlet given to all visitors and new members.
- Hospitality Circle Leaders/Teams Update  
Going well, with TWO different approaches. Some like rolls filled, others have no issue finding help Sunday mornings. Both work well!  
Will suggest a sign up board made by Emily to be posted on bulletin board in Commons on December 4th, 2022. Circle Leaders can be present to recruit members for teams.
- Still need stand alone Hospitality tab/dropdown on website. Will remind Erika.  
<https://uurochmn.org/sunday-hospitality/>  
Erika added the HOSPITALITY Tab under “to the “Happening at First UU” tab so it is easier to access. **A good thing to know:** The website is primarily for VISITORS and potential members who are wanting to find out about our community.

The ENEWS is for MEMBERS. That is where they/we should get info on things happening in our community 😊

We will not be doing a weekly paper sheet with things going on, as it is all accessible in the Enews and on our scrolling monitor in the commons and hearth room.

Remind Circle Leaders to email friends that helped on your Sunday, thanking them for being there :)

**Additional:**

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**\*Melissa gone\***

**November 30th, 2022 thru**

**December 6th, 2022**

**Dec 25-Jan 5th**

**\*Robin gone 11/16-12/15, and 1/6-2/6**

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## **Chalice Lighting for “Businessy” Meetings**

**Li Kynvi**

**Amidst the paperwork and preparation—  
Amidst the emails and emotions—  
Amidst the getting it done and the pressure of time—**

**Can we find a little space for lifting our heads in wonder—  
that we’re still here  
still striving  
still trying  
together**

**Can we find—hearts accepting all the complexity—  
space for falling a little bit in love with this faith  
again  
—with its tenacity  
its capacity  
even its audacity  
space to hold what we still believe is possible**

**without hiding it behind disclaimers  
that attempt to shield our hope from cynical critique**

**Can we enter this workspace  
with a felt sense of our deepest values  
and the ways we can liberate them to humanize  
the processes and forms  
of our decisions and actions,  
our structures and governance?**

**We light our chalice in hope that we center love and relationship,  
creativity and community as we meet  
In hope that we can invite into our own hearts  
and into this space between us  
so much obvious respect and spacious grace that**

**—no matter what happens here—  
we emerge connected.**