

**Congregational Life Shared Ministry Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 25, 2023**  
**1:30pm (zoom)**

In attendance:

**Chalice Lighting: Melissa**

**Welcome & Updates on Church Life: Melissa**

**Shared Ministry Update: Jodi**

- The Board would like to know how Tupper Suppers are doing financially  
**(See chart below)**
- Wondering how registration on Realm is fairing with new members. I know many long time members haven't modified settings.  
**Currently Realm is not discussed for the most part with new members. They receive the email to join, and if they set up their profile, they do....Because of COVID our use of REALM is not what we want it to be. This is a topic for Erika to speak on, and if Melissa is instructed to inform new members about it specifically because we decide to move from email, etc to Realm, we will have to.**
- I see in our brochure the opportunity to participate in the auction. What about the Pledge Team (needs new members for next year)  
**We will add these teams to the Getting Involved booklet/pamphlet including event planning.**

**Membership: Melissa**

- 385 members
- As of last meeting (November, 2022) 20 new members
- Next New Member Sunday, March 5th, 2023
- 385 Membership after new members (and removal of inactive members)
- Melissa updated Pathway to Membership videos, waiting on Luke to update his part
- New Member luncheon will be planned for later spring

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

- 60 participants, 7 Chalice Circle Facilitators
- Addition of "Creativity Matters" packet which focuses on the "Right Brained" focus of our monthly theme. We purchased this addition through Soul Matters for the year.

### Walden Hill Wednesdays: Melissa

- 4 Cook Teams, Leaders: Heather Hanson, Jack Weber, Lucy Bahn, Pam Millen  
**All team members submit receipts for reimbursement. We have always been in the positive, financially, with this program, see chart below.**
- Adjusted time, 5:30pm Dinner, 6:15pm Fireside Forum, (occasionally 7pm larger Forum)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>Opening Balance: \$314.38</b>				
Sept. 14: Protein Bowls	\$156.71	\$221.00	\$64.29	\$378.67
Sept. 21: Salad Bowls	\$168.35	\$122.00	-\$46.35	\$332.32
Sept. 28: Hot Dish	\$82.14	\$144.00	\$61.86	\$394.18
Oct. 5: Deli	\$302.77	\$147.00	-\$155.77	\$238.41
Oct. 12: Lasagna	\$302.54	\$172.00	-\$130.54	\$107.87
Oct. 19: Fall Fest	\$103.20	\$152.00	\$48.80	\$156.67
Oct. 26: Chili & Cornbread	\$225.71	\$197.00	-\$28.71	\$127.96
Nov. 2: Autumn Harvest	\$219.90	\$260.00	\$40.10	\$168.06
Nov. 9: Comfort Food	\$251.54	\$355.00	\$103.46	\$271.52
Nov. 16: Pizza	\$260.18	\$266.00	\$5.82	\$277.34
Nov. 30: Soup & Salad	\$174.42	\$253.00	\$78.58	\$355.92
Dec. 7: Snacks	\$263.89	\$114.00	-\$149.89	\$206.03
Dec. 14: Tex Mex	\$271.18	\$360.00	\$88.82	\$294.85
Dec. 21: Tator Tot Hotdish	\$84.81	\$215.00	\$130.19	\$425.04
Jan. 11: Stews & Stuff	\$282.25	\$152.90	-\$129.35	\$295.69
Jan. 18: Mac & Cheese	\$164.22	\$163.10	-\$1.12	\$294.57

### Fellowship: Robin

- Creative Arts Series continues, registration open for 2023
- Armchair Travelers Oct. 21 (35 attended), Nov 11th (37 attended). Jan (34 attended) & Feb will be on Zoom.
- UU Friendsgiving Feast, November 24 **(Wonderful, 85 people)**
- Holiday Cookie Exchange December 11th, 10:15am in Conference Room **(Was wonderful, 15 people participated!)**
- Holiday Treat Reception **( Went fine, noticed that there was a much smaller attendance than in years past.)**
- NYE Poetry Potluck - **9 people\Zoom**
- 12th Night Bonfire, January 7th, Squash Blossom Farm - 45 attended**(DISCUSS!! the unfortunate bill we were stuck with for the Twelfth Night Bonfire and how to prevent things like that in the future.)**  
**Moving forward all events off of church property will need a contract. Melissa will discuss with Kim/Board to create a policy. The CCL Shared Ministry team may have to draft one.**

- Valentine Tea (**DISCUSS: why was it canceled?**)  
**Barb and Robin normally plan this event, and they were stretched too thin with Robin traveling and Barb agreeing to organize other things. IT was suggested that we create a calendar for “staple” events throughout the year, where anyone can sign up to help organize.**
- UU Women’s Retreat, Nov 17-19, 2023 (**Monthly meetings scheduled for planning**)
- Suggestion of starting a quilting circle “Stitch & B@tch” (Not sure where we are with this, will check!)
- Suggested the ALL BIRTHDAY Potluck in Spring (Deb Mowry?)
- what we can do to drum up some interest in Fellowship events in February and March..  
**Suggested that a fellowship gathering is created in spring (APRIL), inviting new members/families to attend and suggest things they’d like to see. Ask Luke to talk about what FELLOWSHIP means, and invite those to become involved. Suggested to ask Deb Mowry to become more involved, possibly training for coming onto the CCL Team.**
- the possibility of coordinating some small group dinners going forward  
**This was not recommended at this time.**

### **Hospitality: Melissa/Robin**

- Hospitality Circle Teams/ Leaders doing fine~ all shifts covered, if not signed up before. Ushering going MUCH better.
- Erika has updated website: Please look over and list any changed still needed.  
<https://uurochmn.org/sunday-hospitality/>

**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 😊

**Additional:**

**Next Meeting Dates:**

**Wednesday, April 26th, 2023 @ 1:30pm**

**\*Melissa gone\***

**Feb 12-16th**

**June 24-30th**

**Sept 9-27th**

**\*Robin gone**

**1/6-2/6**

**3/8-4/3**

**5/3-5/8**

**Lisa gone 2/8-3/11**

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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.**