

Congregational Life Shared Ministry Meeting
Sunday, October 15, 2023

In Attendance: Melissa, Jodi, Lisa, Deb

Shared Ministry:

Discussed the prior Sunday meeting, and information regarding adding an additional team member to the Congregational Life Team. Jodi discussed with the board, and Melissa received their response. This will need further discussion with the CCL Team, creating a job description, etc.

Membership: Melissa

- August 30th: New Member Sunday with 11 new members
- December 3: Get to know UU New Member Gathering
- December 10: Next New Member Sunday (Reception following)
- Current Membership = 419

Chalice Circles/ Small Group Ministry: Melissa

- 75 participants, 7 Chalice Circle Facilitators

Walden Hill Wednesdays: Melissa

- 4 Cook Teams, Leaders: Heather Hanson, Debi Neville, Lucy Bahn, Pam Millen
- Needing more members for Team #2
- **Wednesday Night Forum “A Taste of a Cook Team” Cook Team Leader will share what it’s like to be on a cook team, and cook for 60-80 people! Invitations to shadow a member, or join a cook team. Luke will decide on a date.**

Fellowship: Deb

- 4th Tuesday of each Month: UUn-Raveleds Craft & Chat Group
- Creative Arts Series, October (Wood Relief Carving), November (Card Making), **December (Wire Wrapped Ornaments) CANCELLED, will find another artist.**
- October 13th Armchair Travelers (58 attended)
- October 16th Hormel Nature Center Trip
- October 26th Author Talk at History Center with Andrew Wood
- October 28th Trunk or Treat Spooktacular and Auction
- **November 10~ Armchair Travelers**
- November 17-19, 2023 UU Women’s Retreat
- November 23, UU Friendsgiving Feast
- **December 1st, Armchair Travelers~ Burning Man**
- **December 17th Holiday Cookie Exchange 10:15am in Conference Room**
- December 24th Holiday Treat Reception, 5pm in Commons
- Melissa will plan a trip to the Marine Art Museum this fall/early winter (hopefully!)
- **Deb/Robin will hold a Wednesday Night Forum RE: Favorite Fellowship activity/Suggestion on new fellowship activities. Luke will decide on a date.**
- Other??
 - Donuts in the Park**
 - Robin suggested WPBF Discussion Group**
 - Low Country Boil/ Hootenanny with Laurel Podulke-Smith in winter months**
 - Ironwood Ranch Sleigh Rides in January (Upfront cost, price per family)**
 - All Birthday Potluck**
 - Mix & Mingle Theme Dinners “ Encouraging Fellowship among all!” (Melissa will start to organize ASAP so that dinners can start at the first of the year!)**
 - “THE FIRST” Fill the Freezer Event (SOON!)**

Hospitality: Lisa

- Hospitality Circle Leaders/Teams Update
1st Sunday 9am: New Circle Team Leaders: Joan & Fletcher Hinds
3rd Sunday 9am: New Circle Team Leader: Robin Taylor
3rd Sunday 11am: OPEN
- Lisa Talcott & Roxanne Schlasner will share organizing and communicating with Circle Team Leaders & Melissa
Roxanne sent out dates for an upcoming Circle Team Leader Meeting
- Update on how "Hospitality Table" in Commons went? **6 people signed up for more information**
- Holiday Services:
December 24th, 10am Service, 4pm & 6pm Services
10am service will be a quiet, contemplative service, lay led
4pm & 6pm will have Family Greeters (Melissa will contact)
- **December 31st**, 10am Service
- Melissa will update(**d**) the Signup Genius for hospitality roles
- **Additional:**

Update on Caring Congregation Committee:

- **Julie Guilkinson has taken over for Vikki Wolff as the liaison for Caring Congregation Committee**
- **Julie will communicate with Melissa on various issues involving the Caring Congregation Committee**

Next Meeting Dates:

Monday, January 22nd, 1:00pm

Wednesday April 10th, 1:00pm

Chalice Lighting for “Businessy” Meetings

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**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.**