

First Unitarian Universalist Church  
Rochester, MN  
Faith Development Team

**Chalice Lighting** - Stephanie

**Team Check-in**

Derik, John, Stephanie, Chantelle, Amy

**Guests (if requested to be on the agenda)**

**DFD Updates**

**"Attendance" updates -**

Averaging 20 kids total on Sunday mornings for Nursery-5th grade

About 6-10 youth (6th grade through 12th)

Definite slowing down of attendance after holidays

**Upcoming events -**

Youth art month - doing an art show in March (toward the end of the month)

4th and 5th grade taking flight in April and May

**Curriculum-** Continuing to use soul matters

**Policy -**  ALN Copies

All should be ready to be approved. Added some language in the lock-in to be more explicit about expectations for supervisors as well as social media.

**Youth Program Update**

**WHY**

Valentine's Dance - made about \$1200 after expenses

Wednesdays - consistently 3 youth showing up. Starting a movie this week that they can talk about over the weeks. Looking at different ways to do Wednesdays in the future.

**COA**

Immigration justice event (Wednesday night dinner) made over \$800 for the family and an additional \$1200 for the immigration justice fund.

There were over 115 people in attendance for dinner that night.

**The shared ministry model made coordinating this event very easy.** (Shelly and Derik were able to coordinate and then reach out to get volunteers and helpers for the event.)

Doing a second project, making leopard benches. There will be 8 benches. (April meeting on the 14th, most likely) COA fleece blankets being made for each participant

## Events

Come up with monthly events (forest bowling?), kickball, long-form croquet

Bowling for buckthorn

Booth at Rochester Pride (May 18) - sharing with Hawthorne Helps

We would like to get more youth involved with the First UU Booth

Shift System so kids can participate in pride and also time to take breaks.

There is also an after pride party (hopefully end up happening again this year)

## Upcoming

### **Boston Pilgrimage**

**Adult** - 14 people going, August 2-8th

### **Chalice Camp** - Creature Camp (July 15-19)

Balancing the real with the mythical and made up

### **Adult FD** - New classes - trying a new thing -

Doing a sample class and then having people sign up to take the class. Amy is doing a forum on March 6th that will lead to the YoUUr Identity class. (Hopefully lots of people will sign-up)

## Visioning

### **Ideas for Adult Faith Development**

Need more, new, facilitators

### **Updating the playroom**

### **Next Year - (or even this year?) Middle School class**

#### **Brainstorming about the transition to middle school classes**

How to better engage the middle schoolers? Looking at other options for bridging the gap between elementary and middle school.

A general phased approach - 6th graders always go out and watch the service together in the commons. Then by the end of the year, they are attending worship in the service.

Take one step back and looking at what the purpose of middle school and high school faith development - do I feel like I belong in this congregation? And do I feel like I belong in worship?

Has this idea of phasing kids into worship is the goal of Sundays been shared with parents?

What can we do to prepare the parents for what is happening next year?

6th grade curriculum becomes how you participate in the service.

Revisit in May

## Shared Ministry Update

- When we broke off into our own team:
  - 1 year Goal

- New recruits for the Shared Ministry Team (Stephanie/Jess may be at our term limit)
- Different adults and more adults to volunteer for 10:15-10:45 with youth
- Continue to lean on the new small group covenant framework
- More frequent calls from the pulpit for volunteers and why
  - Transparency and what the benefit is for the adults who do
- 5-10 year Goals
  - New Building!
  - More robust adult RE program with clearer curriculum and ways to get involved
  - Outdoor classroom

## **Upcoming Dates**

**COA service - May 5**

## **For Future Reference - possible team members/volunteers**

Ann Sigford

Jamie Bingner-Care

Brendan Shea