

## DLE Board Report – February 2017

### Curriculum for Children and Youth:

- 10:30am: Programming & Education for Children and Youth
  - Sunday programming for Children and Youth throughout the 2016 - 2017 program year will complement the Sunday Services in our efforts to move closer to congregational thematic ministry. This thematic calendar will be exploring the source traditions, and considering wisdom from around the world.

#### **Sundays in February:**

- In our Sunday classes for children this month we will be considering the themes of inclusion, diversity and justice for all through lessons tied to the book, "The Day the Crayons Quit" by Drew Daywalt. Every voice is important, and EVERY CRAYON COUNTS!
- Our youth will be starting a unit on sustainable food, community agriculture, and food scarcity that will continue through the end of the program year in May. Lessons will be based upon a reading of "Closing the Food Gap – Resetting the Table in the Land of Plenty".
- **Suggested Reading for Families in February:**

"The Journey That Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey" by Louise Bordon

### Volunteer/Training/Housekeeping Matters:

- **Volunteers:** As always, we could use more assistance staffing the various programs we offer.

### Families & Other Child/Youth Programming:

- Friday Night Out for February was on 2/10 and had 8 children in attendance. March's FNO is already filling fast, as is typically the case.
- The Nurturing Families Committee met on 2/8 and planned a **Family Movie Night and Potluck for Friday, 3/3**. Potluck will begin at 5:30pm, and a showing of the original "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" will begin at 6pm. I will be coordinating the details of this event – advertising, purchasing of supplies, acting as the staff person the evening of the event, etc.
- Spring Break Open Play – The LE Committee has proposed offering an open play day during spring break at the end of March – more to follow on this.

- Coming of Age - Heather Shumaker and Marco Cabrera continue to collaborate on this idea. They were able to meet with Rabbi Chava while I was away in December/January, and the four of us will be meeting soon to discuss further.
- OWL – Just before my time away, the OWL instructors determined that they would not be attempting to offer the program this year due to an insufficient level of interest in committing to the program on the part of parents. It is their hope that we could try again next fall, and perhaps we could tie middle school/high school OWL to the Coming of Age efforts.

**Adult Programming:** *As mentioned in previous reports, adult programming is an important part of the Lifespan Experience Program of this congregation. In fact, our committee has had, and continues to have an Adult Programming Representative to help us connect with and serve this portion of our congregation. We are fortunate that John Hoffmann is in this role for the second year.*

#### **Updates for this Month:**

- Misc. Adult Programs: These include the Women’s New Moon Group – facilitated by Rabbi Chava, and the new InterPlay group – organized by Rabbi Chava. These groups are just emerging, and it will be exciting to see how they progress.
- Brewing Community: This group will meet at the Workshop Brewing Company on 2/23 from 5-7pm. This will be the only gathering for the month of November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. *Everyone is welcome at this family friendly gathering, and locations are specifically chosen based on their family-friendliness, and availability of food and non-alcoholic options.*
- Wednesday Supper & Program: *This supper group is formally chaired by Sandra McDonald and reporting on this group is included herein because of the group ministry function that the supper itself serves. The programming that follows or is associated with the supper is coordinated under Lifespan Experience.*
  - Wednesday Supper: 5:30pm-6pm social time, 6pm supper. 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays are potluck, 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays are \$5/adult, \$3/child 10 and under.
  - Wednesday Programming: I am currently working with the Arts and Exhibition Committee as they prepare to offer a program launching a collection of images currently titled “Protest” in March. More details to follow as this develops.
- CUUPS: The CUUPS small group ministry (Covenant of UU Pagans) gathers the last Wednesday of the month for lunch from 12:30-1:30/2pm at the Blue Tractor. The group has been working on preparations for leading the Ostara Sunday Service in March, and will continue to coordinate both in person and electronically in advance of the service on 3/19.

**Staffing Matters:**

I returned to work on 1/23 and immediately resumed my duties. This included following up with the LE Committee regarding what occurred while I was out, and the status of various tasks. Lessons offered on 1/15 were written by the committee.

Regular Sunday off in February is 2/19.

**Policy:**

I continue to work with the Safe Congregation Response Team. The SCRT now meets regularly to proactively discuss safety matters and procedural questions.

**Attendance:** This section is revised per request to include numbers from the previous year month-to-month in comparison format. *Please recall that the attendance taken in class is generally more accurate than the count that greeters attempt to make during the service. Greeters look in on the class at a single point during the service. It is very common that a child is in the bathroom when they count, or that children are dropped off directly to the classroom later/after the start of class – families do not always run on time. It is also sometimes the case that a child might start off in the nursery and then switch over to the classroom part way through the service – something our classroom volunteers and staff take into account since we have parents signing children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under out of the classrooms and nursery each week.*

<b>January 2016 – Sundays</b>	<b>January 2017 - Sundays</b>
01.03.2016 – All Congregation Service, N=4	01.01.2017 – No Children’s Programming or Nursery Per Rabbi Chava
01.10.2016 – 6, N=2	01.08.2017 – 7, N = 2
01.17.2016 – 8, N=3	01.15.2017 – 5, N = 1
01.24.2016 – 7, N=6	01.22.2017 – 5, N = 3
01.31.2016 – 14, N=2	01.29.2017 – All Congregation Service, N=2
<b>January 2016 FNO</b>	<b>January 2017 FNO</b>
01.08.2016 – FNO - 10	01.13.2017 – FNO - 10
	<b>Membership Meeting Childcare:</b> 01.29.2017 - 2