

DLE Board Report – July 2017

Curriculum for Children and Youth:

- **10:30am: Programming & Education for Children and Youth Sundays in July**

Our 5th annual Specialty Class Summer (our summer program for children prek-5th grade on Sunday mornings which runs June 1st-Resumption Sunday in September) is off to a great start! These lessons consist of fun & informative experiences led by congregants and special guests. July features lessons on beekeeping, our UU ancestor Fannie Farmer, and much more! Youth are invited to remain in the sanctuary throughout the summer.

Suggested readings for families/parents this month include (this month's selections are just silly and fun!):

- The Book with No Pictures – B.J. Novak
- Woolbur – Leslie Helakowski

Volunteer/Training/Housekeeping Matters:

- **Volunteers:** As always, we could use more assistance staffing the various programs we offer. We are beginning teacher recruitment for our 2017-2018 Program Year.

Families & Other Child/Youth Programming:

- **Friday Night Out** is on July 14th – we have 9 children registered and it is fully staffed. These lower numbers are pretty typical during the busy summer months.
- **Coming of Age** – Work continues on the development of a coming of age program with Heather Shumaker.
- **2017/2018 Curriculum** – Work continues on the 2017/2018 programmatic year which begins in September. Our program, which we will be calling “UU & YOU at Hogwarts” will be based on the “Harry & UU” curriculum by Karen Hager. The brochure that was included in my June report is now available on the Welcome Table in the social hall.

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:

- **Brewing Community/Wednesday Supper Program:** For the remainder of the summer, Brewing Community will move to the last Wednesday of each month, and will include

dinner out. Wednesday Potlucks in people’s homes will likewise continue until September.

- **CUUPS:** The CUUPS small group ministry (Covenant of UU Pagans) typically gathers the last Wednesday of the month for lunch from 12:30-1:30/2pm at Robby’s Taqueria Mexicana in Traverse City. This group takes June and July off.

Staffing Matters:

I have coordinated with the Operations Team and submitted the dates in July that I will be taking some PTO. The summer months are a good time to do this, as the program year is relatively busy. Although I will be out of the office, I will still be in contact with the Operations Team and will be checking my email. One task that I will have to continue throughout my time out will be to continue attempting to find volunteers for Sunday mornings.

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 5th grade and under out of the classrooms and nursery each week.*

June 2016 – Sundays	June 2017 - Sundays
06.05.16 – N=0, 1	06.03.17 – N=2, All Congregation Service Annual Meeting = 4
06.12.16 – N=0, 3	06.11.17 – N=2, 9
06.19.16 – N=1, 5	06.18.17 N=2, 2
06.26.16 – N=1, 3	06.25.17 – N=2, All Congregation
June 2016 FNO	June 2017 FNO
06.10.16 - 10	06.09.17 -9