

## DLE Board Report – March 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 March:**

- As a congregation we will be exploring the theme of joy - and what better way to tie that into our lessons than celebrating nature and the changing of the seasons! Through lessons based on our 6th UU Source - the Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature - we will happily welcome the spring together!

#### **Suggested readings for families/parents this month:**

- "Sitting Still Like a Frog - Mindfulness Exercises for kids (and their Parents)" - by Eline Snel

### 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 March was on 3/10, we were fully staffed and had 8 children. FNO in April is 4/14.
- The Nurturing Families Committee had a Family Movie Night and Potluck on Friday, 3/3. While just 2 families attended, we had a lot of people express interest. We intend to offer it again another time.
- Spring Break Open Play – The LE Committee has proposed offering an open play day during spring break on 3/31 from 9am-4pm. There will be a story time and craft at 11am, and snacks will be provided. Children who participate will be asked to bring their own lunch.
- After Service Family Lunch – Laura Matchett, LE Committee Co-Chair, is working to organize parents in an attempt to get families together after Sunday services. Ideas included going to restaurants as well as meeting in people's homes for potluck. We hope to launch this informal gathering in April.

- Coming of Age - Heather Shumaker, Rabbi Chava and I have met concerning the ongoing process of developing program for our congregation. Together with Marco Cabrera we will continue to develop this idea in the hopes of rolling it out next program year.

**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 Rare Bird on 3/23 from 5-7pm. *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: Together with the Arts and Exhibition Committee we will be offering a discussion with the photographers behind the PROTEST! Exhibit currently featured in our building. The discussion will follow Wednesday Supper on 3/22, and will be moderated by Charles Bracket.
  - The LE Committee is considering asking our congregants who have left for a period of time this winter to offer a group presentation of their adventures after a Wednesday Supper this spring. This could be a fun way to connect with our friends that we've missed this winter!
- 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 will be leading the Ostara service on 3/19, and will begin to make plans for leading the Beltane service on 4/30.

### **Staffing Matters:**

Regular Sunday off in March is 3/19.

**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>February 2016 – Sundays</b>	<b>February 2017 - Sundays</b>
02.07.16 – 15, N=2	02.05.17 – 9, N=4
02.14.16 – 10, N=4	02.12.17 – 8, N=2
02.21.16 – 5, N=2	02.19.17 – 7, N=1
02.28.16 – 10, N=2	02.26.17 – 7, N=3
<b>February 2016 FNO</b>	<b>February 2017 FNO</b>
02.12.16 – FNO = 6	02.10.17 – FNO = 8