

DLE Board Report – October 2017

Curriculum for Children and Youth:

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

In October we officially be kick off our UU & YOU at Hogwarts year with our first "horcrux", or issue - hunger. The children will learn and grow together as they consider this topic, all the while with each other through the magic of the world of Harry Potter. Attendance thus far has been very impressive!

Suggested readings for families/parents this month include (they are the same as last month since we are officially kicking off our program this month):

- *Ravenclaw Reader: Seeking the Meaning and Artistry of J.K. Rowling's Hogwarts Saga, Essays from the St. Andrews University Harry Potter Conference* - by John Patrick Pazziora (Editor), Micah Snell (Editor)
- *Into the Pensieve: The Philosophy and Mythology of Harry Potter* - by Patrick McCauley

Volunteer/Training/Housekeeping Matters:

- **Volunteers:** As always, we could use more assistance staffing the various programs we offer, more specifically we will be looking for additional “professors” for the Hogwarts program Jan-May 2018.

Families & Other Child/Youth Programming:

- Friday Night Out is on 10/13 – we currently have 7 children registered and it is fully staffed.

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: Brewing Community has returned to its 2nd/4th Thursday of the month schedule, with this month featuring the Workshop Brewery. Wednesday Supper has returned to its normal schedule.
- Wednesday Programming: There has been a bit of renewed interest in having some programs on Wednesday Nights after supper. In October we will have a Haitian Midwife visiting to discuss the program she runs in Haiti on 10/11. The supper on 10/11 will also

feature special Haitian food in honor of our guest speaker. There are two programs scheduled thus far for November.

- 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. Plans continue for the 2017 Pagan Fair to be held on 11/11. This was a big hit amongst the community which brings lots of new people in our doors every year. Once again, this is a self-sustaining event – fees charged to vendors to have booths pay for the supplies we purchase for the event. Vendors and service providers have begun to register already.
- Adult Lifespan Experience Connections: We continue offering our “Dialogue in Community” 9am class, and it is well attended. We have also been providing childcare for the participants of this program at their request.
- Crop Hunger Walk: Members and Friends of our congregation participated in the Crop Hunger Walk on October 8th. We enjoyed lunch together before the walk at UUCGT (following the service), then gathered for an afternoon of fun and walking.

Staffing Matters:

Regular Sunday off is 10/15. I continue to learn from the UU Institute course entitled “The Death of Sunday School” and will create a full report upon the completion of the course.

Attendance:

Sept 2016 – Sundays	Sept 2017 - Sundays
09.04.16 – 3, N=1 (<i>Labor Day Weekend</i>)	09.03.17 – 0, N=1 (<i>Labor Day Weekend</i>)
09.11.16 – All Congregation, N=1	09.10.17 – All Congregation , N = 4
09.18.16 – 6, N=1	09.17.17 – 11, N=2
09.25.16 – 9, N=4	09.24.17 – 11, N=2
Sept 2016 FNO	Sep 2017 FNO
09.09.16 – FNO - 6	09.10.17 - 7