

UUCGT Board  
Minister's Notes  
August 2019

Dear Board members,

It has been a whirlwind summer with moving from Gainesville to Traverse City with little in between time. The movers delivered my furniture on July 23<sup>rd</sup> without mishaps, and I'm almost completely unpacked and organized. It's good to be here with you.

This report includes details about my ministerial tasks throughout the previous weeks. If in the future, you would prefer to just have a general summary let me know.

My role as your new interim minister started in July with Zoom meetings with Mike McDonald and Rabbi Chava. There were in-person meetings in late July with Mike McDonald, the Sunday Services Committee, I consulted with others regarding staff vs. contract for new Music Director position & had a lovely lunch meeting Rev. Beth Marshall.

On July 31, I met with Hal and Susan to plan 8/4 service. I was told to expect low attendance (4 people, haha) due to the Film Festival. Following the service, I sat in on the Social Justice Committee to learn a little about UUCGT's outreach in the community.

My first week with office hours included a meeting with Susan & Amanda to plan Sunday service on 8/11, had a meeting with Mary Ann Force's daughter regarding her mother's memorial service on 8/10, attended a Staff Resources Committee, a meeting with Mike McDonald, and a meeting with the Pastoral Care team. On Friday, August 9, I met with Liz & others at church for interment of Mary Ann's ashes and officiated the Mary Ann Force Memorial Service on August 10.

On Sunday, August 11, prior to the Sunday Service, I attended the 9 am Program Council Meeting and let them know that I would not be able to attend Sunday morning meetings in the future due to pulpit responsibilities.

The second week of office hours, I met with Amanda & Hal for a pre-meeting with the Sunday Services Committee meeting and then met with the entire committee. On August 14: I had an introductory meeting with RE Director, Betsy Hammerberg. On 8/15 a meeting with Mike McDonald followed by a meeting with Hal.

On 8/18, I attended the Sunday Service followed by a meeting with Mary Ann Rivers re: music planning. On Monday morning, August 19, I flew to Minneapolis for and Interim Minister Training with UUA and the Interim Ministry Network. While I was in Minneapolis, I had a phone meeting with the RE Director. I returned home on Friday, 8/23 and began working on the Sunday service.

I delivered my sermon on 8/25 with a cold that I picked up in MN. Not wanting to spread the virus, I went straight home to rest. I decided to work from home today (Tuesday) to avoid spreading germs to UUCGT staff and because I feel lousy, in hopes that by tomorrow's board meeting I will be better and less contagious. Bring hand sanitizer just in case.

In a separate report, I will share some of the highlights of the Interim Training and share my thoughts about how I plan to structure my work in our first year together.

In faith,

Cathy