

**Love Reaches Out – Ideas for Our “Sweet Spot”  
From April 8, 2017 Workshop with Phil Lund**

These were the comments taken from 5 different tables worth of newsprint for UUSIC.

*Programs or events that people at UUSIC get excited about and “show up” for*

Member-led summer services  
Showing up for social justice event, rallies and marches  
Pride parade  
LGBT marriage ceremonies  
Service opportunities – free lunch, day of service  
Treats and Talents auction and dinner  
Covenant groups  
Support for transition to new facilities process  
Generosity with time, money, resources

*When do you feel most UU?*

UU Holidays, pet blessing, lammas  
New building and process to get there  
Life cycle ceremonies/memorial services  
Social hour  
Water communion  
Covenant groups  
Acting and living our principles  
Chalice lighting  
Love Bus  
Congregational voting  
Ceremonies  
Caring outreach  
Worship – music, Christmas eve, water communion  
Standing on the Side of Love/rallies

*Most Exciting Places or Events in the Larger Community*

Hawkeye sporting events  
Summer Arts Fest  
Festivals of the Book  
Farmers Market/local foods  
Arts – Hancher, Englert, festivals  
Local enterprise, sustainability  
Cultural/art events  
Existing social agencies

*Things that Break Our Heart in the Larger Community*

Immigrant and refugee problems  
Racial inequality – schools, housing, jobs, policing  
Hunger and housing inequalities  
Government policies  
Food insecurity  
State/federal government  
Discrimination – racial, LGBT, economic  
Town/gown divide  
Homelessness, hunger, mental health  
Inequality  
Hate mongering  
Environment  
Economic disparity  
Racial dissonance  
Substance abuse  
Climate change

*Sweet spot – where our excitement and passion meets with the excitement and needs of the larger community*

Outdoor wedding space  
Summer camp – values and environmental  
Environmental programs for the community  
Special music events  
Local needs in Coralville  
Free outdoor movie nights  
Food trucks at Coralville Oakdale Park  
Garden – Food, food insecurity  
Family Outreach – Community center, income inequality, Wed. night gathering  
Music/Arts – movie nights, fundraising events  
Pride Parade and other sponsorships  
Event sponsorships  
Performance opportunities  
Gathering/event space  
Education/ conversation series about issues  
Legislative forums  
Community garden and food banks  
Partnering with school districts, family resource center  
Sponsoring, supporting, partnering with local vendors  
Info booth at fairs  
Community sings  
Nature events