



The UU News

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June's Social Justice Offerings Benefit

JOHNSON COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS

The family-centered, community-based approach of the Centers offers long-term commitment to families in the several neighborhoods they serve. They offer a consistent and stable presence and provide a balanced mixture of programs (e.g., preschool and after-school) and activities that build community and teach new skills. Cash or checks to UUSIC (NCJC on memo line) may be given during Sunday services, online, or sent to the office. Thank you for your gifts to this agency recently chosen by the congregation as one of the 12 we support.

Upcoming Sunday Services

at Sanctuary Church (2205 E. Grantview Dr #200, Coralville, 52241)

We gather each week at 1:30 pm for a music prelude preceding our Sunday Service, which is followed by a social hour.

Religious Education & Childcare: Our nursery is open from 1:30 to 2:45 pm for children under three. While Religious Education classes are on break during the summer, we do provide a "Children's Chapel" from 1:45 to 2:45 pm. Kids should attend the first part of the service with their parents before being released to their activities.

Summer Theme: "Love is a Muscle—How Do We Work It?"

June 4th: "Love is a Muscle—How Do We Work It?", Worship Associates

In our Unitarian Universalist tradition, we proclaim, "Love is the doctrine of this church." As a "Deeds, not Creeds" faith community, our conceptualization of love is as an act of labor, a muscle to be worked. So, if love is a muscle, how do we work it? We begin our summer worship series with reflections that highlight the effort, resistance, and nourishment needed to work our love.

June 11th: "Educate, Advocate, Agitate: Go Grannies,"

Ann Christenson, Becky Hall, Miriam Kashia

100 Grannies for a Liveable Future, co-founded in Iowa City by Ann Christenson and the late Barbara Schlachter, is a local grassroots movement that has been growing in size and impact for 5 years. Working on problems no individual can tackle single-handedly, the Grannies have gained widespread recognition and respect for their efforts to educate, advocate, and agitate for renewable energy, pure water, clean air, and a healthy environment for future generations. Three Grannies will talk about the many ways they flex their love muscle of collective, persistent, and sometimes arrestable elder action that embodies our seventh principle.

June 18th: "Waking Up," Peg Bouska

At a conference in Iowa City this spring, "Accomplices in Eliminating Racial Bias," anti-racism activist Jane Elliot talked about White Privilege as "the freedom to be ignorant." Peg will share thoughts on her process of looking deeper into injustice in our society. Her desire is to navigate the discomfort in order to step further forward and give voice to those who are vulnerable.

June 25th: "Let Freedom Ring," Rev. Jay Wolin

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Let us celebrate and understand why this day is so important. How does our religion inform us about freedom? Are we free to do anything?

Sunday Attendance for April 30th - May 28th

April 30th: 97 total: 94 adults, 3 children

May 14th: 74 total: 68 adults, 6 children

May 7th: 114 total: 107 adults, 7 children

May 21st: 128 total: 115 adults, 13 children

May 28th: Memorial Day Picnic, Attendance Not Taken

Staff Reports

From Your Director of Religious Education

Summer is here and it's a great time for rising Jr. & Sr. High youth to re-engage with your UU community!

Summer Youth Events

Saturday, June 10th: Calling all youth! We will be meeting at 10 am at the new church site to help clear trails as part of the UUSIC Day of Service. Bring shovels and clippers, wear long pants, closed shoes, & work gloves. We will bring extra shovels, clippers, and work gloves in case any youth do not have them. After about 2 hours in the woods, we'll eat lunch together (it will be provided) and then head to City High School from 2:15 to 4:30 pm to help package food for the "Feed My Starving Children" program. Afterwards, we'll end our Day of Service by going out for dinner. RSVP to Jim Trepka (jim_trepka@msn.com).

Saturday, June 17th: Let's come out in full UU force to support the Iowa City Pride Parade. We'll meet at 12:30 pm and take to the streets! RSVP to Sally Hartman (sallyhartman@hotmail.com) and let us know if you need a ride or yellow "Standing on the Side of Love" shirt!

Tuesday, July 4th: Well, the Pride Parade was fun—let's march with the UUSIC group in the Coralville July 4th Parade too! I know it's early for teenagers, but we're going to meet at 9:30 am. You can do it! RSVP to Sally Hartman.

Saturday, August 26th: We're going to start the year off right—with a camp out and chance to reconnect. If possible, we will camp on the church property but, depending on the construction schedule, we may have to meet elsewhere (stay tuned!). We'll meet at 6 pm and dinner/breakfast will be provided. RSVP to Jim Trepka. —Saunia Powell

From Your Director of Congregational Life

The big dirt pile was just moved from in front of my office window, so I can see more of the construction as it happens. It is exciting to see more visible progress—the driveway and parking lot being poured, more and more of the siding going up, work on the roof of the sanctuary and fellowship hall continuing!

The Publicity Committee is hard at work coming up with good ways to advertise us, and making sure we get lots of photos to include in newsletters and on the website, and we are in the midst of redesigning the website to be more engaging and exciting for potential visitors, as well as providing the information and connections we need within the congregation.

I have agreed to take on the overall coordinating of the special events that will happen in the fall—not to do the organizing of particular events, but working with any groups and committees who are interested to find a good place in the schedule for particular events. We want lots of opportunities for new people to come and see our new building once it is up, to re-engage with those who have stayed on the sidelines during the transition, and to celebrate with all of us who have continued to be engaged. But we also don't want events too close together if they involve many volunteers.

We have plans underway for the Pride Parade and events on June 17th, but we are looking for someone to coordinate a group of us marching in the Coralville 4thFest Parade in July.

We are looking at possibilities of a family-friendly Green Fair to celebrate our opening as the "Greenest Church in Iowa." We want to offer tours of the building and the property, have lots of hands-on activities, invite outside groups who deal with land and environmental issues, highlight some of the green elements we have included, and share the plans we have for the land.

What ideas do you have to suggest related to the groups you are interested in? What will be interesting to attract community members who may not have heard of us yet, or who know of us but have not yet visited? Talk with your groups, do some brainstorming, and let me know your ideas!

—Peggy Garrigues

From Your Administrator

The 2016/2017 Annual Report is now available on Sundays at the Welcome Table and as a PDF on our website. Make sure you find a copy to read about the many successes, learning opportunities, and areas for growth that occurred this past year! I've worked hard to try to present the Report in a more graphic, engaging way. Thanks to all the committees and leaders who helped by submitting informative articles and pictures!

—Emma Barnum



P-k class makes snack bags for Free Lunch

Rev. Steven on Sabbatical

Our minister, Rev. Steven Protzman, is on sabbatical from April 1st through June 30th. For emergency pastoral care needs (hospitalization, death of a member or a member's immediate family, or crisis situation), please contact Rev. Rebecca Hinds of People's UU in Cedar Rapids (minister@peoplesuu.org or 319-362-9827). Other inquiries can be directed to the office.

From Your Music Director

Sweet Honey in the Rock (www.sweethoneyintherock.org) will be performing in the Central College (Pella) Douwstra Auditorium on Tuesday, July 25th. The 7:30 pm concert is part of the agenda for the four-day Iowa Choral Directors Association 2017 Summer Symposium. Sweet Honey in the Rock, a favorite of many UUSIC members, remains among the most vibrant, versatile, and ever relevant musical collectives in music today, both as a performance ensemble and as an ambassadorial African American organization founded on the triumvirate missions of empowerment, education, and entertainment. February 2016 marked their 32nd appearance at New York's historic Carnegie Hall. Sweet Honey in the Rock, which has been the subject of two PBS television specials (including American Masters), is a beloved performance ensemble that, in its 40-plus year history, has maintained a resilient spirit and found a way to successfully fuse the talents of the 24 women that have graced the Sweet Honey in the Rock stage into their patented sound without ever skipping a beat.

Tickets, \$30 early purchase and \$35 at the door, are available through the Central College Conference and Events Office at 641-628-7679.

Sweet Honey in the Rock has received several Grammy Award nominations, including one for their children's album, *Still the Same Me* which received the Silver Award from the National Association of Parenting Publications. They won a Grammy Award for Best Traditional Folk Album for their version of Lead Belly's "Grey Goose" from the compilation album *Folkways: A Vision Shared*. Their vocals appeared in a number of animated counting cartoons on the long-running PBS series *Sesame Street*, and the group was the subject of the 2005 documentary *Sweet Honey in the Rock: Raise Your Voice*. Sweet Honey in the Rock released their 24th album, *#LoveInEvolution*, on January 22nd, 2016, on SHE-ROCKS 5, Inc. /Appleseed Recordings.

—Submitted by UUSIC Music Director, Gloria Corbin

Congregational News and Events

Summer Worship Theme:

Love is a Muscle—How Do We Work It?

In our Unitarian Universalist tradition, we proclaim, "Love is the doctrine of this church." As a "Deeds, not Creeds" faith community, our conceptualization of love is as an act of labor, a muscle to be worked. We must build and nourish our muscles daily in order to be strong and healthy. Our muscles develop strength only when faced with resistance. So, if love is a muscle, how do we work it? How is love part of our regular "exercise routine?" How do we encounter resistance to practice love and work through it toward growth? What do we do when we experience fatigue or find the weight of the resistance hard to bear? How do we demonstrate the strength and power of love in our daily efforts? This summer, we invite our UUSIC members and friends to share reflections and topics that highlight the effort, the resistance, and the nourishment of love.

Endowment Committee: On a Goose With Golden Eggs

Most of our members know that the Society has an endowment but have no idea where it came from. Church records show that in 1927 a fund was established by Mrs. Helen M. Whittaker in memory of Frederick Hayes Whittaker, in the sum of \$500, to be deposited at the American Unitarian Association in Boston and invested for the sole benefit of the First Unitarian Society of Iowa City. The Whittaker Fund continues to the present day, and its yearly earnings have been a reliable supplement to the Society's income these many years.

From such modest beginnings, and with the generous gifts of Society members and friends through the years, the UUSIC Endowment has grown to well over a million dollars. It is of special importance now as a major source of funding for the construction and furnishing of our green and accessible church property on Oakdale Road.

Donations in the form of direct and deferred gifts can be made to the endowment at any time. For additional information contact: Endowment Committee, UUSIC, 2355 Oakdale Rd., Coralville.

New Officers Elected at Annual Meeting, May 21st

The following individuals were nominated and elected to positions of leadership at the annual meeting on the 21st of May:

- **For the Board:** Jane DeWitt (vice-president/president-elect), Chris Rode (treasurer), and Michael Honey-Arcement (trustee). Adam Ingersoll will continue as treasurer until August, when Chris will take over.
- **For the Committee on Congregational Life and Ministry:** Hazel Seaba and Sandy Keller
- **For the Leadership Development Committee:** Jim Olson and Maureen Patterson
- **For the Endowment Committee:** Gary Lawrenson

The current Leadership Development Committee wishes to thank these members for their willingness to serve.

Aesthetics Committee

The Aesthetics Committee is in the final stages of selecting furniture for the new building. We've looked for furnishings that are durable, comfortable, beautiful, and made from sustainable materials. There will be plenty of flexibility in the sanctuary, seating 285 people in chairs with cushioned seats, some with arms, most without. The fellowship hall will seat 300 at round tables. Not everything will be new—we'll reuse tables, chairs, and sofas in the junior and senior high classrooms and also in the staff and volunteer workroom.

We have been inspired by the sky, grasses, and forest, and by the wood and steel construction materials, choosing colors to draw the eye to the outdoors.

With help from the Special Needs Committee, the New Facilities Committee, Emma, Saunia, Peggy, Religious Education teachers, architect Matt Krieger, the Neumann Monson interior designers, Saxton interior designer Serina Rosalez, and many members who offered input, we will be placing orders soon for delivery in time for our first service in the new building.

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President's Report from MidAmerica Regional Assembly

This was my second time attending MidAmerica Regional Assembly, and I thoroughly enjoyed the community building opportunities throughout the weekend with the UUSIC members/friends in attendance. These gatherings give me a broader view of our faith and fellow UUs. Some of the highlights included a roundtable Q&A session with the three Unitarian Universalist Association presidential candidates, who all have a wealth of experience, ideas, and enthusiasm for our denomination. My notes are pretty sketchy from the keynote speakers and breakout sessions. And they are full of little notes to myself of ideas to bring back to our congregation, including possibly reorganizing a once or twice a year gathering of past UUSIC presidents.

The Assembly again offered a powerful model of right relations. The Right Relationship Team provided regular announcements and reminders to be in right relations with one another during the Assembly and beyond. They provided a list of 18 questions posted recently on Facebook by the Rev. David A. Miller entitled "Reflections on Right Relationship." Here are just a few of the questions:

1. Am I assuming the good intentions of the other?
2. Am I willing to be an active participant and to work in good faith to clear up issues?
3. Can I let go of my need to control the situation?
4. Can I help lift up the life of another or the group in my words and actions?
5. What is the most loving thing I can do or say right now?

The Right Relationship Team encouraged us to "Use welcoming, inclusive language. Serve as allies: speak up in the moment. Focus more on impact than original intention. Be open to learning (receive criticism gracefully). Speak from curiosity, compassion and respect for others' worth and dignity." They called us out on concerns that were raised with them and encouraged us to be diligent about maintaining our covenantal relationships. This is truly a UU practice.

Finally, I was intrigued by the presentation by Lee Barker, President and Professor of Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, Illinois. He suggested that "to multi-faith" is a verb. The write-up in the program about his presentation said that "in spite of our small numbers in the national religious scene, UUs have been at the forefront of every significant social change in our nation's history." It is definitely the time now for us to work with members of other faith communities to make a difference in our cities, states, and our country. The theme of his talk was about relational theory. He told several engaging stories about how "you can either be right or be in relationship." Based on his personal experience, they are mutually exclusive. This seems especially important to remember at this time of great change within our congregation and in our increasing and exciting opportunities to collaborate with others outside our denomination on various social justice actions to make a difference in the world. Rev. Barker suggests that one way to be in relationship (rather than having to be right) is to "be more curious than certain." He encourages us to listen deeply to others as well as to speak what is in our own minds and hearts.

Next year when you hear or read an announcement about attending the 2018 MidAmerica Regional Assembly, I hope you will join me there!

—Kelly O'Berry

Board of Trustees Meeting, June 8th

The UUSIC Board of Trustees holds a meeting, open to all members, each month at 6:30 pm on the second Thursday at the Oakdale House. Look for an agenda in the weekly email or on the website before the meeting.

New Facilities Committee (NFC)

Construction update:

Good news! The work on the roof has finally begun and is progressing nicely. It is a big roof, and there are three "layers" to it, so there is still a lot to do. If the weather cooperates and there are no surprises, the roof could be done in early June. The concrete floor of the sanctuary and fellowship hall was poured in early May and is being protected by heavy plastic while the roof is being finished. The framing for the kitchen and pantry has begun. Inside work has continued on the "low side." The drywall has been installed and is being prepared for priming.

The concrete on the east side (fellowship side) of the building and on the north side of the building was poured in early May. This area will serve as access for the fire trucks and as well for the outdoor patio. The patio area will have a color stain applied to make it more attractive for events that will be outside in that space. The concrete circle drive and parking area for the building was poured the third week of May. Once the concrete work is complete, work can begin on the bio-retention cells.

The windows and the exterior siding on the west side of the building have been installed. What a difference having the siding and windows makes!

The trees on the north side of the driveway and garage were removed the third week in May. This is the site for one of the solar arrays and the new driveway. Removing the trees now will allow more space for the construction crew to work as the area is prepared for the driveway and solar array.

It is still difficult to determine when the building will be ready for occupancy. We are hopefully still looking at a late August or early September temporary occupancy permit, but it is hard to predict. A lot depends on the weather. Best-case scenario would be move in over Labor Day. Let's be optimistic.

Land Ministry: Mark Vitosh, DNR forester, walked around the property with the Trails and Woodlands subcommittee on April 25th. He had several suggestions on how we can maintain and improve our woodland area. Suggestions included trimming dead branches, removing the honey suckle and Asian bittersweet, and of course, the garlic mustard. On the Day of Service, June 10th, volunteers will be able to continue the removal of invasive species. Several volunteers have already pulled garlic mustard on the "bank parcel" of our property.

We are working with Sean and Meredith Pearl from Sustainable Landscaping to plan the plantings in the bio-retention cells. This local company will be sourcing and ordering the native plants that we will need for the bio-retention cells. We will need approximately 850 plants. We won't set a planting date until the retention cells are completed or we can anticipate a firm date of completion. We plan to use Sean and a couple of his workers to plant—along with as many volunteers as we can recruit! Stay tuned for the dates.

Spirituality & Religious Education

Covenant Groups in June

In our May meetings, we talked about experiencing "Delight." Many religious systems view this world mainly as a place of misery and pain, toil and struggle. While Unitarian Universalists don't ignore suffering and injustice, we traditionally stay aware of the joys and pleasures the world has to offer, the delight to be experienced in life itself. Delight can lead to gratitude, generosity, and love, and as such, can be considered one of our most basic values.

Now that we have a coping strategy, this month we'll tackle "Facing Challenges." Sometimes we feel overwhelmed by the challenges in our lives. It's hard to accept that in some ways

our lives would be less interesting, and our spirits poorer, without them. To put them in perspective, think about some of the challenges you've had and their meaning for your life.

Are you a stronger, wiser, more resilient person because of them, and if so, how? Were there particular people or groups, ideas or beliefs that helped you cope with your challenges? What are you doing to meet the challenges you face today?

Recently, interest has been expressed in forming an all-woman Covenant Group. If you are interested, or have other questions about covenant groups, please contact Jan Locher (331-2723 or locherj@mchsi.com).

Buddhist Sangha, June 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th

The UU Buddhist Sangha is a community of people that gathers weekly to explore contemporary Buddhist practice and teachings in the context of Unitarian Universalist principles and for meditation. The Sangha is currently reading Pema Chodron's best selling book *When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times*, a collection of talks filled with radical and compassionate advice for what to do when things fall apart and our lives goes against the grain of our usual habits and expectations.

We meet weekly on Monday evenings at 7 pm at Oaknoll. To find out more, please contact Brian Glidewell (brianandmark711@msn.com), Cindy Spading (mandcspading@southslope.net), or request to join through your Realm profile.

Social Justice & Community Outreach News and Events

Social Justice Coordinating Committee, June 6th

The Social Justice Coordinating Committee (SJCC) meets monthly on the first Tuesday at Oakdale House at 7 pm. SJCC coordinates our congregation's community service and social action activities in Iowa City and beyond. Our meetings are informal and fun and we welcome new faces and ideas. Please join us!

Green Sanctuary Committee, June 7th

The Green Sanctuary Committee meets at 5:15 pm on the first Wednesday of each month at Oakdale House. This committee builds awareness of environmental issues among congregants and seeks to motivate people to integrate good sustainable living practices into their everyday lives. We work with other churches and/or groups on environmental injustices beyond the scope of our church. Everyone is welcome to become a Green Sanctuary Committee member. Questions? Contact Deb Schoelerman at dschoelerman@gmail.com or at 594-2373.

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Interest & Activity Groups

UU Book Discussion Group

The UU Book Discussion group is on hiatus for the summer months. We will resume again in September. We have already selected our discussion books for September and October. Our September selection is *The Butterfly Mosque* by G. Willow Wilson. This book is also the One Community One Book selection for 2017 for our area. Our October selection is *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. We will be compiling a book selection list over the summer months to help in September when we select the books for the rest of the year. Check the July newsletter for the deadline to make that list. If you have questions, want to submit book ideas or want more information about our group, you can contact Mary Lou Welter at 354-1231 or weteremig@hotmail.com.

Vegetarian Community Sunday Brunch, June 11

The Vegetarian Community enjoys a 10:30 am brunch on the second Sunday of each month (this month it's June 11th) at the Trumpet Blossom Café (310 E. Prentiss Street, Iowa City). Please make your reservation to Carol Throckmorton at carolthrockmorton108@msn.com or 337-3030.

UU Scrabble Group, June 15

The UU Scrabble Group will meet Thursday, June 15th, at 1:30 pm at a location to be announced (check the UUSIC website). Everyone is welcome to join in regardless of skill level! Beginners are welcome! Contact Gary Lawrenson at 936-1291 or glawrenson@mchsi.com for more information.

Girls' Night Out! June 22nd

All UUSIC women are invited for conversation, lots of laughs, and refreshments from 5:15 to 7 pm for Girls' Night Out on Thursday, June 22nd, at Nile Ethiopian Restaurant (89 2nd Street, Coralville). Contact Carol Throckmorton (337-3030 or carolthrockmorton108@msn.com) if you plan to attend.

Vegetarian Community Potluck, June 24th

The Vegetarian Community will meet for a summer potluck at 4:30 pm at Carolyn and Bob Howe's home. Please bring a whole-foods, plant-based dish to share. Contact Carol Throckmorton (337-3030, carolthrockmorton108@msn.com) to RSVP and get directions.

UU Free Lunch Program

"Could I have two legs?" "Really, may I have a breast and a wing?" Those are some of the happy questions that our Free Lunch servers heard on Friday, May 12th, as our UUSIC team served 140 lunches to hungry folks. Lunch was John's Grocery fried chicken (generously donated by Bonnie Penno in honor of her late mother), red beans and rice, green salad, fruit salad, rolls, cakes and cookie bars, and ice cream. All who came for the lunch and all who volunteered left full and happy. This month, a special thanks goes to those who operate behind the scenes at Free Lunch. Sue Eberly organizes the volunteers through detailed emails. Many UUSIC members and friends shop for fruits and vegetables and drop them off in the morning. Also, thanks to Deb Schoelerman and the preschool RE class for assembling snack bags to give away at Free Lunch. Those people don't hear the grateful comments of the Free Lunch patrons, so they deserve our special thanks.

Next UU Free Lunch, June 9th

The objective and mission for the Greater Iowa City Free Lunch Program (located at 1105 Gilbert Court, IC) is to provide free hot meals six days a week for the needy in our community. UUSIC supports the Free Lunch Program by sending a group of volunteers on the second Friday of each month to prepare, serve, and clean up after a lunch for approximately 140 people. To find out more or to join the team, please contact Diana Miller (dkmilleriowa@gmail.com), Carmen Griggs (csgriggsiowa@gmail.com), or Leigh Nida (leighnida@gmail.com).

Day of Service, June 10th

Let's get out there! On Saturday, June 10th, you can knit a premie hat, package food for starving children, clear our own trails, create a raised garden bed for the Center for Worker Justice, do yard work, sort books for Uptown Bill's, and more! We have projects for all ages, so take a look and sign up online (link on our website) or at the Social Justice table on Sundays.

Iowa City Pride Parade, June 17

Last year UUSIC had a great showing at the Pride Parade. This year the parade and events will take place on Saturday, June 17th. The parade starts at 1 pm.

We are hoping to have a good showing of marchers again, especially wearing yellow "Standing on the Side of Love" t-shirts. We also plan to have a table with some brochures and Welcome Cookies (fortune cookies with our own personalized messages of LGBTQ welcome, and our website) to hand out, and probably a children's activity.

Please let us know if you can help with planning, or staffing the table, or to let us know that you are going to march in the parade. There is also an option to reserve a t-shirt if you don't already have one (\$20 for adult size, \$15 for youth sizes). We have limited sizes and quantities available, but we could order more if there is enough interest. John Elson and Tova Vitiello have agreed to help with the coordinating.

May Social Justice Call to Action:

Mama's Bailout Day

Thanks to all who participated in the Mama's Bailout Day call to action last month. Visit our Facebook page to find a link to a *Little Village* magazine article on our commitment to the Black Lives of UU's challenge. In addition to the funds committed by the Board and Rev. Steven, over 30 UU members and friends (and a few generous outsiders who saw our Facebook or a shared email) made donations by check or through Realm to meet the goal to send \$5,000 to the Brooklyn Community Bail Fund, and raised quite a bit extra that will be used by the Social Justice Action Fund to help us with future calls to action. All in one weekend! The quick and overwhelming response to this call is a clear sign of our congregation's generosity, our dedication to social justice, and our ability to quickly act to touch hearts, change lives, and transform the world. Thank you, and look for similar calls to action in the future.

Highlights from the May 21st Congregational Meeting

Minutes are reviewed by the Board members and made available via mail or email from the UUSIC administrator.

President Kelly O'Berry called the meeting to order at 2:39 pm and established a quorum. O'Berry recognized and thanked the outgoing elected Board & committee members (Jim Olson, Adam Ingersoll, Steve Vincent, Brian Glidewell, Judy Tokuhisa, Sue Eberly, Jeanette Carter, and Jerry Nordquist). Sue Eberly, Leadership Development Committee, presented the slate of nominees, thanking them for their willingness to serve. Nominees for the Board: Jane DeWitt (Vice President), Chris Rode (Treasurer), and Michael Honey-Arcement (Trustee); Committee on Congregational Life & Ministry: Sandy Keller & Hazel Seaba; Leadership Development Committee: Jim Olson & Maureen Patterson; and Endowment Committee: Gary Lawrenson.

O'Berry explained the rationale for extending the current treasurer's term and moved to approve the resolution to do so. Motion carried. Voting then took place for the elected positions (no nominations from the floor). The entire slate of nominees was elected. Deb Schoelerman, Green Sanctuary Committee (GSC),

explained the plan to apply to the UUA for accreditation as a UUA Green Sanctuary Congregation and that a congregational vote of support is required to do so. Schoelerman moved for approval of the GSC resolution. Motion carried. Reports were presented from the: Finance Council (Adam Ingersoll), New Facilities Committee (Kirk Witzberger), and Transition Task Force 2.0 (Peg Voelker & Kris Barrash). All reports highlighted an exciting future for UUSIC. This was also the theme for testimonials given by Deb Schoelerman and Alison Oliver.

O'Berry noted that this meeting did not include a vote on a name change. She urged members to stay engaged, as it is a work in progress. The Board will discuss this again in June, potentially calling a special Congregational meeting and ballot in July. Jane Dewitt extinguished the Chalice, and Joel Gilbertson-White provided closing words. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

—Peg Voelker, Secretary

Highlights from the May Board Meeting

Minutes from all regular Board meetings are reviewed by the Board members and made available to members and friends on the website and in the UUSIC Board of Trustees notebook. Minutes may also be requested via mail or email from the UUSIC administrator.

Present: Jim Olson (Past President), Jim Laughlin (Vice President), Adam Ingersoll (Treasurer), Peg Voelker (Secretary), Steve Vincent (Trustee), Steve Locher (Trustee), Kris Barrash (Trustee), Saunia Powell (DLRE), and Peggy Garrigues (DCL)

Absent: Kelly O'Berry (President) and Sara Feldmann (Trustee). Rev. Steven Protzman (Ex officio) is on sabbatical

Guests: Dave Martin (Stewardship), Deb Schoelerman (Building & Grounds), Paul Pomrehn, Judy Tokuhisa, Maureen Patterson, Amy Fretz, and Michael Honey-Arcement

Laughlin called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm on May 11th at the Oakdale House. Voelker provided opening words

Announcements: O'Berry shared via email that, with help from Emma, she is going to review existing policies to find those that need updating and also to identify where new policies may need to be written.

Consent Agenda: Board Agenda; April Minutes; May Executive Committee Minutes; Treasurer Financial Statements & Report; DLRE Report; DCL Report; Office Administrator Report; Music Director Report; Publicity Report; Sanctuary Church Discernment Update (Barrash); Merged 2016-17 goals document (O'Berry); Final TTF2 Charge & TTF2 Update (Voelker/Barrash); Branding/Naming Committee Report & Addendum (Vincent); and the NFC Report (Deb Schoelerman) were received for review prior to the meeting. Other items; Facilities Use Policies, UUSIC Fall Event Schedule

Raised from the consent agenda was the Mama's Bailout Day, Black Lives of UU \$5,000 Challenge from the Treasurer's report. The Board approved the minutes.

Finance Council Report & Fall 2017 Stewardship Campaign: Ingersoll shared that a five-year retrospective, as well as our future financial needs, will be in the annual report. The report will also include the quartile pledge analysis by Dave Martin which shows a giving distribution indicating potential financial instability. This led to a discussion of the 2017 Stewardship Campaign. Ingersoll urged strong consideration of an all-member, in-person canvass. Martin said doing so would be very labor-intensive and that there are many competing activities this fall. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the canvass should be about more than money. Therefore, it would need to be imaginative and involve all of us, not just the Stewardship Committee. Ingersoll recommended that Garrigues meet with Martin and others to determine the feasibility of a full canvass and report back to the Board.

Mama's Bailout Social Justice Call to Action: The Board engaged in a lengthy deliberation about a time-sensitive request for funds. Concerns raised included whether taking such quick action was consistent with our policies and established practice regarding funding requests. Various funding options were discussed. Following discussion, Ingersoll moved: "that we respond to Black Lives of UUs and our own Racial Justice study/ACTION group's call to support the Mama's Bailout Day movement ..." Motion Carried.

Facilities Use Policy: Locher shared that the policies are not yet ready for Board approval. The Board unanimously agreed that they are on the right track and should continue to develop them.

Buildings and Grounds (B&G) Committee: Deb Schoelerman clarified that the B&G Committee has remained active since departing 10 S. Gilbert. They wrote a B&G policy for 2355 Oakdale Road, have cared for the grounds, and have been responsible for maintenance of the house. She then summarized efforts underway to reorganize B&G to better fit the needs of our new property. Specific responsibilities are being defined for two distinct groups: a Building Group and a Grounds Group. Laughlin invited guest comments. Maureen Patterson asked about the plan for equipment maintenance. Schoelerman and Laughlin stated that this will be outsourced to qualified people.

There was discussion about what work is appropriate for volunteers versus a hired professional or employee. Voelker raised the issue of liability insurance, both for injuries to volunteers and to anyone on the property. Ingersoll responded that our basic Church policy might not cover a property with this much land. He suggested that Emma talk with our insurance agent about these concerns. Conversation continued about whether there are things we should do from a policy point to minimize risk, including having volunteers complete a liability waiver. Laughlin offered to be the Board representative to work on these issues. Patterson shared that her professional work includes developing risk minimization plans for organizations and is available to assist.

June Board Meeting: Newly elected Board members are invited to attend the June Board meeting and a potluck beforehand. As usual, the June 8th Board meeting will start at 6:30 pm, but it will be held at Jim Laughlin's home. Others wanting to attend can contact Jim or the office for directions.

Ingersoll reported as process observer and Olson provided closing words. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

—Submitted by Peg Voelker, Secretary

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UUSIC Calendar for June 2017

(SC) Sanctuary Church, 2205 E Grantview Dr #200, CV (OH) Oakdale House, 2355 Oakdale Rd, CV

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 11 AM Memorial Day Potluck Picnic (Shelter #6, City Park) 12:30 PM Singing Bowl Meditation (Judi Clinton's Home)	29 7 PM Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll)	30	31	1	2	3
4 1:30 PM Service (SC) 2:45 PM Social Hour (SC)	5 6 PM Kiirtan (OH) 7 PM Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll) 7:30 PM UU Book Discussion Group (Oaknoll)	6 7 PM Social Justice Coordinating Committee (OH)	7 5:15 PM Green Sanctuary Committee (OH)	8 6:30 PM Board Meeting (105 Iowa Ave Ste. 231)	9 11 AM Free Lunch Program (1105 Gilbert Ct.)	10 Day of Service
11 10:30 AM Vegetarian Community Brunch (Trumpet Blossom Café) 1:30 PM Service (SC) 2:45 PM Social Hour (SC)	12 7 PM Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll)	13 7:30 PM Secular Humanists (Old Brick)	14 12:30 PM UU Grief Group (OH) 7:15 PM Spirit in Practice (SC)	15 1:30 PM UU Scrabble Group (TBD)	16 12 PM July Newsletter Submission Deadline	17 1:30 PM Iowa City Pride Parade
18 1:30 PM Service (SC) 2:45 PM Social Hour SC)	19 7 PM Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll)	20	21	22 9:30 AM Newsletter Folding (OH) 5:15 PM Girls' Night Out (Nile Restaurant, CV)	23	24 4:30 PM Vegetarian Community Summer Potluck (Carolyn & Bob Howe's home)
25 1:30 PM Service (SC) 2:45 PM Social Hour SC)	26 7 PM Buddhist Sangha (Oaknoll)	27	28	29	30	1

Look for new events, updates or cancellations, and event details on the calendar at uusic.org.

June Birthdays

Dayna Ballantyne
 Rob Dietrich
 Jim Ephgrave
 Dan Gall
 Peggy Garrigues
 Peggy Houston
 Isaac Ingersoll
 Anna Kann

Pat Larson
 Marta Little
 Nancy Lynch
 Caryl Lyons
 Tom McMurray
 Virginia Melroy
 Emma Myers-Verhage
 Carol Nordquist

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