

Program Council Zoom Meeting Date 3/3/25 7-8 pm
(Aka Shared Ministry Team 2.0)

Sandy said we are missing Sherry, who was on the Hospitality committee, even up to 6 months ago. And also, Jim, Cathy's husband, who helped host that committee last summer.

Administrator- Tom, thanks for hosting on Zoom.

Report on Florida weather: 75-80 degrees, low winds. Tom asked about the sanctuary tables being cleared, and David and Grayson told him they were getting ready for Sherry Thrasher's memorials, and had all the boxes in their garage until after those. (This instant communication was worth the price of admission for tonight's meeting!). David said there were no visitor signups. Tom said it works better if Zoom meetings are arranged through him, since there can only be one at a time. He may put an article in the e-news to let people know about that.

Board - Sandy

The Board is discussing strategic issues: growth, space, education staffing, current events, fielding requests to fundraise and rent building space, drafting the budget, managing expenses and salaries, addressing legal and safety issues. The Board meets on second Sundays after church.

Buildings and Grounds- Grayson

Nice new signs. Clearing and trails in the arboretum (Pete Rapp has worked there extensively, and will be planting a few new trees this Spring). Wheelchair concrete pad is working well. Working on better lights for the parking lot. Evaluating the ash trees this spring to see if their treatment is working. Handpicking bagworm and using neem oil. Considering an electric push mower for mowing season. Repointing brick. Discussing painting in kitchen area, and spring cleaning. Nice narrow table at front door from David and Grayson. Thanks to Charlie for working on CRE heat and back door lock.

Caring – Martha

Continuing on with card sending, including birthday cards on behalf of the congregation (Jennifer Silva). Notifications to congregation of people needing holding in our hearts (so we can all reach out), providing transportation to one congregant, baby supplies to a friend of one of our families, taking meals to another. Providing refreshments for memorial service this Saturday. Cathy praised Caring for their tlc! Caring would like to use Zoom, and Tom will help with that.

Covenant Groups –David reported that there is a new in-person daytime group, in addition to the daytime zoom group. All of the covenant groups have spaces for at least 2 people who want to join. There are brochures about covenant groups and joining HUU, by the front door.

CRE- Sandy - Maeve continues to take on more leadership of the Sunday group. She has helped to plan the last two monthly Soul Matters themes, and is comfortable using the station model of activities. Of 22 CRE Approved Adult Volunteers, almost all have gold stars for reading the HUU

Safe Child policy this month. We are asking 2 adults to be outside when kids are playing after church in the arboretum, at least in hearing distance. There were 10 children at HUU on Sunday. We'd like to consider getting portable soccer goals. Thanks to Pat for providing refreshments. The Board has generated a job description and is working towards recruiting a CRE staff member.

Finance- Cathy – we're in good shape, crafting next year's budget. Counting Sunday offering takes about 10-15 minutes right after church, in the office.

Hospitality- Cathy – Sunday refreshments are provided by about 10 volunteers over a year, scheduled so that each person/team only does this 3-4 times/year. This is working well. It is better if providers can get to church early to start the drip coffee pots, since they are loud. Also, several people like to have a cup of coffee during church. Some people still use the large coffee maker – their choice is fine.

Membership- David – committee of 3 (David, Amy and Gale Bauder), needs at least 3. At the end of January, we sent our annual membership certification to UUA – now 68 members. In January and February of 2025, we gained 3 new members, and more are on the verge of joining. A big membership focus this winter was creating greeter and visitor host each Sunday. There are 6 members/friends on this team. They started with 1, and then added a 2nd to be the official visitor host. Our average attendance has been 80, including Zoom (of 15/25). Membership is launching "being a UU" classes for new/aspiring members this spring, one in April and one in May. Requesting a calendar in e-news, so everyone can see what's going on in real time.

Events-

Amy and Gale (and Andrew)hosted a successful Valentine's party, which lots of families enjoyed.

Circle dinner signup was very successful, with 48-50 people participating. Creates relationships, as Paula demonstrated.

There are rumblings about planning a fundraising auction this fall.

Minister – Rev Janet. It's her birthday today! Plans in Worship report.

Social Justice – Martha and LeeAnna have been to regular meetings, and they caught us up. Wendy called in a report later in the evening. The committee is meeting the 4th Sunday of the month after church. Tom and Pat will put on calendar. After putting out the word for Kai Degner's meeting, 10-11 HUU's did participate. They are planning 3 different sessions for Action Sunday, March 16th. Ongoing projects: Via and Interfaith Association attendance. UUA is providing Social Justice news which Tom is putting in our e-news. People are requesting that Tom send out notifications, while a very few others are resistant to multiple e-mails. Tom will collect these for the e-news each week. Tomorrow is a gathering at Ben Cline's office, and JMU student walkout is planned. Wendy would like to have an huu e-mail specific to Social Justice, and is considering a brochure or card. She will talk to Grayson and David about print materials which already exist.

Tech- Sarah sent sketches of new tech cabinet drafts. Pat reported that it is hard to hear over Zoom unless people speak directly into the podium microphone.

Music- Dee – piano cover is helping. Choir is up to 14 members. They will sing for Sherry Thrasher's memorial service on Saturday. Practices 1st and 3rd Thursdays, with summer break June-August. New members welcome. Dee may ask for a 6 compartment, cloth drawer container to hold music, cost maybe \$75.00. Her Everand subscription will no longer provide music like the pieces she uses for preludes and offertories, and she is looking for another subscription. Sandy suggested that maybe HUU could consider paying for that.

Webmaster-Pat- People have to send her their info so she can put it up. She and Tom will get together on calendar matters. She will also make a link to post the minutes from the Program Council (SMT 2.0) meetings, once the council has checked it for accuracy.

Worship-LeeAnna, (Merle is in Philadelphia) – There will be an Action Sunday on March 16th with 7 stations, including 3 justice related. (Immigration Issues, Justice Reform and Eco-Justice in the Kitchen) . There will also be Spring Planting of serviceberries and redbuds, a phone photography session, puzzles and games and a Meditation Zone, as well as an all-age kids time in the CRE building. Flower Communion will be on April 20th, with Rev. Onnie. Worship Committee is recruiting at least 3 new members from our various congregational demographics: Families, middle aged and younger. They will also be instituting some committee term limits. The April Worship Committee meeting will be Monday April 21st at 7 pm, instead of 3.

These informal notes are sent to participants to be sure they are accurately reported. Please let Sandy know if they need corrections. They will be posted on the HUU Website by Tom and Pat 3 days after they are sent out. If you mention dates, the calendar will also be updated and shared. I will also be sharing these notes with the Board at our next meeting.

Let's meet by Zoom briefly every month on the first Monday at 7, to keep up with (and support) each other. If you can't come, please send an update or committee member. I'll remind you in advance, and will call afterwards to hear your news and add it to the notes. If you need phone numbers or better contact info for any of the council, I can provide those for you. Thanks everyone – you are a wonderful team to work with!
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