

UUC 2018-19

COMMITTEE/TASK HIGHLIGHTS



Many, many hours are volunteered by our dedicated members and friends along with staff hours to provide all that we offer and all that we do. Below are just some of the highlights from this past year. For the complete reports from committees and task groups, go to the Annual Meeting webpage: <https://uucnr.org/members/uuc-annual-meeting/>.

Lifespan Faith Development

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- * Registered 134 children & youth
- * Raised funds and items for Food Pantry and HSMC, made blankets for Project Linus
- * Dumbledore's Army successfully fought 7 real-world horcruxes with donations to local organizations
- * Offered OWL for grades K-1 & 4-5
- * Offered 8 Adult RE programs and co-sponsored the Environmental Justice Film Series
- * Sponsored successful Buddy Project
- * Successful YRUU fundraising for Boston trip

Pastoral Services

Lay Pastoral Care Ministry

- * Provided support to congregants as needed throughout the year
- * Met monthly for training and support

Membership

Communications

- * Produced monthly newsletter, twice-weekly announcements
- * Number of people on announcement & newsletter listservs continued to increase
- * Increased number of posts to UUC's Facebook page including images, meditations, playlists, etc. related to monthly worship theme supplied by Soul Matters Social Media Toolbox (purchased for first time this year)
- * Updated website weekly, as needed

Connections & Greeting

- * Sponsored ministries' conference in fall
- * Offered 3 Newcomer Orientation classes
- * Coordinated 3 New Member Ceremonies with addition of 18 new members!
- * Supported monthly "Get to Know UUC" sessions after services
- * Offered monthly building tours after services
- * Supported the Quarter-Lifers, 50+ Singles, and Circle Suppers
- * Welcomed 125 visitors with 70 returning and 45 becoming "regulars"

Outreach

- * Contacted media outlets and event calendars with upcoming public events
- * Helped promote outside group events at UUC

Men's Group

- * Met twice monthly to speak and to listen to one another with no crosstalk about personal issues

Social Action

Community Service Team

- * Sponsored joint programs with Children's RE to support Food Pantry, Humane Society, and Christmas Store
- * Participated in community programs including To Our House, Adopt-a-Highway, Montgomery Co. Christmas Store, Wrapping for a Reason, Walk to End Alzheimers, Roanoke Ronald McDonald House
- * Led monthly bingo games at Fairview Home in Radford, delivered monthly donations and treats to children housed at Women's Resource Center

Mental Health Justice Ministry

- * 2 support groups continued to meet monthly
- * Sponsored community showing of "I Am Maris" at the Lyric with panel discussion
- * Worked with various community organizations to improve mental health care in the NRV

Anti-Racism Sunday Group

- * Continued sharing and discussing articles, podcasts, and videos
- * Began using the White Ally Toolkit
- * 3 members taught a class at LLI - *Learning to Challenge Racism from Within and Without*
- * Several participate in community anti-racism organizations outside UUC

Worship

Worship Services Team

- * Arranged 13 services for when Rev. Pam not in pulpit
- * Collaborated with Rev. Pam on regular Sunday services and special services throughout the year
- * Focused attention on multi-generational services—made more interactive and sensory
- * Held worship elements/sermon writing workshop for Worship Associates

Facilities

Memorial Committee

- * Successfully maintained Memorial Garden space
- * Updated Book of Treasures as needed
- * Set up space for materials in hallway outside minister's office
- * 3 niches purchased

Art Committee

- * Exhibited the works of four artists, each for three months

Finance

Stewardship

- * Conducted Stewardship Pledge Campaign encouraging "early bird" pledging
- * Record number of pledging units (162)
- * Record amount pledged to date — \$322,516
- * Held ice cream social at end of campaign

Auction

- * Conducted successful auction with 252 items offered and raising over \$19,700 (surpassed goal)

Committees of the Board

Leadership Development

- * Successfully identified full slate of candidates for 2019-20 Board
- * Worked to develop new ideas for an ongoing educational/inspirational program to encourage and enable new leaders

Sound

- * Provided sound for services and events. Provided service podcasts



Grounds

- * Volunteers donated over 2500 hours
- * Provided routine annual maintenance work
- * Initiated new projects such as installation of signage at water feature and Buddha statue, construction of 32' fence on berm for safety, began work on Memorial Walkway
- * Honored to be selected for the 2019 Garden Tour in July