

**First Congregational UCC
Ministry Team - Staff
Plans & Proposals**

July 9, 2023

STAFF

Administrative Coordinator – Kathleen Stigmon

Music Director – Chuck Taft

Youth Ministry Coordinator – Andrew Hoots

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Benevolence Team – Peggy Grant

Deacons – Jim Canty

Sunday School – Kathleen Stigmon(acting)

Health Advisory Team – Kay Garner, Danna Park, Mary Hawkins

Hospitality Team – Dennis McLain

Laundry Love – Joanne Roudebush

Membership Team – Loraine Tuenge

Music – Chuck Taft

Racial Justice Team – Alice Martin-Adkins

Sacred Pause – Eric Lyons

Stir the Soul Café Ministries – Loraine Tuenge

Worship Team – Bev Reddick

Youth – Andrew Hoots

Ministry Team Report – 7/9/23

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Admin **Kathleen Stigmon**

Webpage updates are needed from all ministry teams that have a webpage. Please review your page and plan to meet with me over the summer to update them. See the Racial Justice and Health Advisory pages for recent examples of updated sites.

I've noticed that people are referencing the 12-month ministry/church wall calendar that is hanging up in the Admin Office. Kudos!. This calendar will help all groups plan for seasonal and church related activities, as well as to be updated on staff vacations, UCC Campaigns, weddings etc. If you can't come in to check it, feel free to call the office and I can assist.

I will be on vacation during the week of July 24-28 and Linda Burke will be covering for me.

Youth **Andrew Hoots**

The youth are taking a hiatus for July as many are away, but I will be spending some extensive time planning for the fall season. The children and youth ministry team will meet late July to discuss options for the children and youth by reviewing the annual ministry plan that was submitted to the transition team.

Music **Chuck Taft**

The Choir and Hand Bells will be taking a break from weekly rehearsals over the summer. We will use that time for evaluation and planning. The congregation can expect to hear many local musicians augment our Worship throughout the summer months.

Ministry Teams

Benevolence Team(Peggy Grant, Beaver Wyatt, Kathleen Busby, Margaret Perkins, Linda Burke)

Peggy Grant: No new report

Deacons (Jim Canty, Sandy Clark, Nancy Kniffin, John Mercer, Margaret Perkins, Diane Reid, Ann Marie Woffindin)

Jim Canty:
No new report

Faith Exploration (Eric Lyons, Loraine Tuenge)

Eric Lyons

Sacred Pause - on summer break; resumes Sept. 6th.

Gay Men's Group - summer socials off-site; seeking co-leader.

Stir the Soul Café Ministries (Loraine Tuenge, Jane Stoffer)

Loraine Tuenge

Winter Women will continue the study of *Braiding Sweetgrass* on the second Thursday of July and August in the Library.

Creative Age-ing is designing a new program to begin in September on the fourth Thursday in the Library.

Planning a **Fall Women's Retreat** with FCC and it will be off-campus at their church as usual.

Joyful Voices Readers' Theatre is recruiting more readers as we will be leading worship on World Communion Sunday. Haven't been able to meet together due to covid.

Sunday School classes (Submitted by Eric Lyons)

Faith Formation/Exploration will take a break over the summer. In the Fall, we will have two new classes: October- Book Study on "The Land is Not Empty" by Sarah Augustine, led by Alice Martin-Adkins and the RJT. This study will allow us to dig deeper into our Land Acknowledgement Statement. In November, Eric Lyons will lead a class on "Devotional Writing" in preparation for Advent and Lent.

Eric Lyons has proposed a two-part Sunday morning series on Social Justice in Dialogue, which has not been scheduled as yet.

Health Advisory Team (HAT) (Kay Garner, Danna Park, Mary Hawkins)

Kay Garner:

No new report

Hospitality Team (Dennis McLain, David Turner, Lynn Lewis)

Dennis McLain:

The Church Summer Picnic date will be Sunday, July 16th at 1:00 pm at the community building at Doug Williams and Noreen Bania's neighborhood (same as last year).

Membership Team (Loraine Tuenge)

Loraine Tuenge:

Goals & plans for the rest of this year:

- Ministry Fair has been scheduled for September 17th to educate and recruit.
- Workers for Archives – 2024 is 110th Anniversary –celebrate our benevolence and mission work?
- Plan for a Congregational Retreat or Mini-Retreat for late summer in 2023
- Continue working with Hospitality on Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Dinner
- Alternative Christmas Show is scheduled for Sunday, Dec 3rd and the Christmas Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 17th.

Laundry Love (Joanne Roudebush, Linda Burke, Andrew Hoots)

No new report

Music Ministry (Chuck Taft, Eric Fricke, Betty Dillashaw)

No new report

Racial Justice Team (Alice Martin-Adkins, Bonnie Schell, Bev Reddick, Donna Miller, Horace Hunt, Sandy Clark, Penny Silverman, Dorri Sherrill and Peggy Grant)

Alice Martin-Adkins:

June Art Gallery exhibit with Jerrie Settles was well received by the congregation. Continuing to explore ongoing collaborations with Jerrie and her husband Masco and their ministry in Pisgah View

The group that studied "My Grandmother's Hands" is planning a check-in time on July 15

Planning to introduce the Land Acknowledgement Statement to the congregation through July newsletter articles and in Worship on July 16.

Continuing to explore and discuss what we need to do to become a designated UCC Anti-racist congregation.

Worked with Kathleen to update the RJT website... check it out!

Worship Team (Bev Reddick, Dennis McLain, Sandy Clark, Chuck Taft)

Bev Reddick:

Worship:

Aug 27th Allen Maxfield-Steele, Co-Director of the Highlander Center will be our Guest Preacher and Guide for Faith Formation.

Sept 17 is Justice Peace Sunday followed by our Ministry Fair Sandy Clark will finish her time as Liturgist Coordinator at the end of this year. We are looking for someone to assume this responsibility.

Our next meeting is August 9th

