

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

June 11, 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 – 6/11/23

Staff

Admin **Kathleen Stigmon**

Ongoing newsletter focus over the summer to highlight the various teams at FCUCC, to inform people about them, what they do and how to get involved – hopefully this will tie in with a Ministry team fair in the Fall.

Reminder for everyone to look at the 12-month ministry/church wall calendar is hanging up in the Admin Office. 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.

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

Youth **Andrew Hoots**

June 25—Laundry Love at Fiesta Laundromat from 12:00pm to approximately 4:00pm.

Music **Chuck Taft**

As our “season” nears its end, 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:

The Benevolence team is rescheduling Rev. Shannon Spencer to address the congregation about Ministry of Hope and an initiative for residents of WCCW reentering society – possibly June 18th. The previous May date was cancelled due to illness. The Ministry of Hope will receive \$500 from the Benevolence pledged budget funds.

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

Jim Canty:

No new report

Faith Formation/Exploration (Eric Lyons, Loraine Tuenge)

Eric Lyons

Sacred Pause - on summer break; resumes Sept. 4th.

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

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

Loraine Tuenge

No new update

Sunday School classes (Submitted by Kathleen Stigmon)

Faith Formation/Exploration typically takes a break over the summer, so at this time there are no plans for any classes until the Fall.

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

Kay Garner:

HAT is in the process of scheduling a talk, or two, by Jim Tolbert for the months of July and/or August. He is one of the founders of the Bipartisan Climate Action group in Washington DC. He is also the head of co2mmit.org. We hope to keep the (Ant's & the Grasshopper) momentum with ongoing climate emergency focus.

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). Potluck sign up will go out in June.

Membership Team (Loraine Tuenge)

Loraine Tuenge:

Goals for the rest of this year:

- Ministry Fair for September 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
- Set up Alternative Christmas Show – it was suggested by several team leaders that this program be offered on Dec 3 and the Christmas Dinner on Dec. 17

Laundry Love

(Joanne Roudebush, Linda Burke, Andrew Hoots)

No report

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

No 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:

- Continuing to revise our Land Acknowledgement Statement with plans to bring it before the congregation in October for "Indigenous Peoples Day".

- Planning for the June Art Gallery exhibit featuring Jerrie Settles as the artist (See more about her at <https://noircollectiveavl.com>artists>.) There will be a reception for Jerrie on Sunday June 11 after worship. Her husband Masco, an Assembly of God Pastor, will also be with us and he and Jerrie will talk about their vision and work to build up a multi-cultural church here in Asheville. We also plan to have the Gallery open on 2 Friday evenings (June 16th and 23rd) 4-6 pm to hopefully draw in people downtown in the evenings.

-Continuing to work on our ministry objectives, with particular focus on working toward becoming a designated UCC Anti-Racist congregation.

Newsletter announcement encouraging congregation to see the June 1-11 play "Having Our Say" at "Different Strokes Performing Arts Collective.

Planning to open the Art Gallery Exhibit, by Jerrie Settles, to the community June 16 and June 23 4-6pm in recognition of Juneteenth.

RJT having first "in person" meeting since Covid - June 10

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

Bev Reddick:

No new report. Team is meeting on June 14th