

## ***BUUF Membership Team Annual Report***

**Date:** May 24, 2019

**Committee/Team:** The Membership Team

**Members:** Rev. Jim McConnell, Lisa Fuller, Joanne Krettek and new member Tracie Crenshaw

**Report Submitted by:** Joanne Krettek

1. We met at least six times this year as a committee to discuss an assortment of membership-related topics.
2. We conducted two UU AllComers events during which the Membership Team provided the main entrees for the meal. Joanne actively promoted these events in the BUUF Announce and on Facebook and directly invited members and friends via email. We had good attendance at the September 29<sup>th</sup> event (around 12 participants in addition to the Membership Team) and outstanding attendance at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> event (close to 30 attendees). At each event, Jim McConnell, Katharine Lion and Lisa Fuller each gave a short presentation, and there was time for introductions and discussion among the guests.
3. We conducted Ingathering events in September, December and May. Several new members were welcomed into the fold, including: Joan Guilfoyle, Terry Sundstrom, Jeff Green, Randy Kooyers, Lisa Quinlan, Ralph Heibutzki, Tina Eberly, Rachel Reed, Jaryn Ruggless, Brett Maccani, Sandy Walker and Glen & Suzi Smith. Joanne shortened the Ingathering language while still retaining the spirit of the ceremony for a better fit within the service.
4. We revised the Welcome Brochure and ran it past the board for review. Lisa Quinlan created a visitor welcome letter that can be included in the packet for visitors and newcomers. Lisa Fuller edited and printed that letter. Lisa Fuller also made new member name tags as needed throughout the year. She bought lanyards for the name tags and set up a system of bead recognition attached to the lanyards. In addition, Lisa and Rev. Jim regularly greeted visitors throughout the year, asked them to sign the visitor book and followed up with them with letters or emails.
5. We are planning a Volunteer Recognition Service & Luncheon for Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Tracie has generously agreed to help plan this event, even preparing the main dish (pasta). Katharine will also be recognizing the RE teachers at this event.
6. Joan Guilfoyle held a Circle Supper at her place in Bridgman for three local BUUF families. It was very much enjoyed and appreciated. We'd like to schedule more Circle Suppers in the future, once we have sufficient interest among the fellowship and resources to dedicate to this project.

7. Goals for the future:

- Move member / visitor name tags to the hallway (Rev. Jim may be able to build and attach hooks for this purpose)
- Sign up greeters for at least some of our services (maybe the children can help?)
- Lisa wants to continue progress toward incorporating children in the service (whole congregation worship) and making the services more inclusive of those with disabilities. One approach would involve a checklist for planning services or special events, with things to remember like displaying captions for movies and consistently using the microphone when speaking
- Rev. Jim has toyed with the idea of Sunday morning BUUF breakfasts
- Tracie suggested setting up a little corner at BUUF to host a BUUF book exchange and/or setting up a BUUF book club focused on spiritual readings