

2019 Sunday Services Committee Report

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The Sunday Services Committee met several times in the last twelve months to plan and schedule future services, line up guest speakers and work with our minister to review upcoming service topics. The committee members were also directly responsible for performing many of the services given in the last year.

The committee's goal is to maintain a high level of Sunday service quality in subject matter and content, while providing, meaningful topics that reflect UU values, a humanist-based spirituality and a loving environment that openly welcomes diversity from the community in which we share.

A BUUF Services Schedule is maintained by our members on the Drop Box, and is available to all members for additions and revisions. It is usually posted on our kiosk for member review and contribution.

The continuing plan is that each month our fellowship services would include one directly UU-related topic sermon, one social activism sermon and one sermon on environmentalism. All sermons and talks are related to one or more of the seven UU Principals, and these principals are usually noted at the time of each service.

In the last season we have brought in several new speakers who share our principals, brought back old favorites and allies who share our beliefs, and continue to inclusively involve our members and the Berrien County community in future services. The BUUF budget of \$300 per year allocated for reimbursing guest speakers has severely restricted our ability to bring in outside speakers, and has made member participation more important to fill the gap. The chairman made an announcement last summer for members to give services describing their own religious journeys, and a few have stepped forward to provide these services, including the chairman himself.

We will continue to provide a loving, meaningful and richly rewarding Sunday services environment for BUUF in the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,

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