

Minister's Report for 2020

Annual Meeting

Key Accomplishments

Helped plan majority of Sunday services and participated as service leader and/or delivered the homily or a special message. BUUF's 2020 Member & Friend Survey revealed that 61% of BUUFers want BUUF's minister to deliver the sermon at least 3 times a month.

Engaged in pastoral outreach on a weekly basis, which included visiting or calling BUUFers in the hospital or long-term care and reaching out to all BUUFers in our directory following the quarantine. Also wrote a series of Letters from the Minister to include in the BUUF Announce.

Provided support as a member of BUUF's Stewardship Team, Membership Team, Sunday Services Team, Caring Team and Soup Kitchen Team. Worked with the Buildings & Grounds team to install new windows and helped provide childcare during monthly Parents Night Out events.

Key Goals for 2020-21

Continue to maximize the use of Zoom to deliver virtual services for as long as needed.

Continue to provide pastoral outreach to all members, especially during this time of social distancing.

Help with delivering The New UU workshop series at the appropriate time.

State of Our Fellowship from the Minister's Perspective

Before Covid-19

Membership, thanks to the oversight of Lisa, Joanne, and the general friendliness of our congregation is increasing.

Lay people are participating more in the services and making worship at BUUF a very rich experience.

Our RE program is tip-tops, thanks to Katharine and others.

The BUUF Musicians now perform almost every week, thanks to the dedication of Nan, David, Candace, Julie, Joan, Harvey, Gretchen, and others.

I think we are, in addition to being a friendly people, getting quite good at welcoming newcomers. We even have official greeters. I am deeply appreciative of the work that Lisa, Joanne, and others do to keep our Face Book and web pages current and attractive.

We have solid childcare in Daphne Crenshaw and Silas Lorenz.

We have new windows. And we had a lot of fun installing and caulking them in. (By way of footnote: The bid on the windows was over ten thousand dollars. We bought and installed them ourselves for around three thousand.)

After Covid-19

We now meet on Zoom. Sunday mornings are going quite well thanks to the work that our BUUF Musicians, Nico, Glenn and many other lay people are putting in to create some really interesting, visually attractive services.

One the best thing that has happened is that Joanne is spear-leading the effort to put together a really inspiring stewardship program that is really working. It seems likely that it will be a template for many years to come.

In spite of the fact that many of us are sheltering in we are still an outlooking congregation with a message and a mission to the wider community. I am proud of this congregation.

I am also thankful to this congregation. You have, over the last eleven years, given me a lot of support. I am so fortunate to have found you all. BUUF is a very nice cap on a career with which I sometimes felt unsatisfied.

I have felt doubly thankful for having work to do while in Covid lock-down. I feel very privileged to be the Minister at BUUF.