

Sunday Services Annual Report 2021-2022

The 2021-2022 Sunday Services team included Lisa Fuller (chair, 2019-2022), Rev. Jim McConnell--Minister, Beth La Fleur—Music Director/Tech Support, and Joanne Krettek.

SUMMARY:

BUUF Sunday Services themes and topics were based on suggestions submitted via BUUF's 2021 Spring Membership Survey. A variety of voices were included in planning and presentation. Hybrid services were introduced successfully and are expected to continue indefinitely. Services were greatly enhanced by our Music Director's contributions.

SUNDAY SERVICE/WORSHIP

2021-2022 Goal:

Establish dual platform services (hybrid) including a/v, tech, covid precautions, childcare, posted recording of services

Accomplishments:

- Hybrid services introduced in July 2021 with the help of many members who had previous experience with sound and video production.
- Beth La Fleur is the informal Tech Manager (a volunteer position). She schedules the tech team for Sundays, helps troubleshoot issues, and communicates updates to improve processes.
- Sunday Services tech position is paid \$15/hr for prep, production and post-production video editing and posting.

2022-2023 Plan/Recommendations:

- Continue to consult with the Board and Safe Congregations team to ensure a Covid-safe environment for in person Sunday Services.
- Continue hybrid services.
- Continue seeking input from the congregation for themes and topics via annual Spring Member Survey and informal recommendations.
- Per *Widening the Circle of Concern* report recommendations:
 - Re-engage with our Unitarian Universalist theological legacy
 - Intentionally include theological work of Black scholars, Indigenous scholars, non-Black scholars of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, women, and other oppressed peoples in BUUF Sunday Service readings, music and sermons
 - Include messages about issues of inclusion, equity and diversity

SUNDAY SERVICE SPEAKERS

2021-2022 Goal:

Host at least six guest speakers each year; invite recommendations for speakers from members.

Offer speaker opportunities to our social justice partners

Accomplishments:

- Guest speakers Debbie Van Den Boom, Cora Lamping Center (The Avenue), and Debra Bledsoe, Bereavement Counselor, Center for Hospice Care, Elkhart, IN.
- Welcoming Congregation, Green Sanctuary and Social Justice team leaders invited to contribute individual service components and full services.
 - WC services in Oct, April and June.
 - GS service in April.
 - SJ team contributed various readings

2022-2023 Plan/Recommendations:

- Continue to develop the SS schedule with input from BUUF team leaders and with regard to suggestions from BUUF members via the annual Spring Member Survey

RE LED SERVICE

2021-2022 Goal:

Schedule an RE led Sunday Service at least annually

Accomplishments:

RE students led and performed for the 2021 Winter Solstice service

2022-2023 Plan/Recommendations:

- Continue to plan at least one RE student led service annually.

MINISTERIAL SUCCESSION PLAN

2021-2022 Goal:

Begin considering succession plan for Rev. Jim; offer Shared Pulpit for lay speaker development

Accomplishments:

Conversations with Rev. Jim regarding possible future ministerial scenarios, including Church Administrator, Parish Social Worker, lay led services.

Shared Pulpit was not offered in 2021-2022.

2022-2023 Plan/Recommendations:

- Offer Shared Pulpit when feasible
- SS team to collaborate with BUUF Board re ministerial succession planning

Many thanks to this year's Sunday Services team members: Rev. Jim, Beth and Joanne, and especially to everyone who contributed readings, writings, and music. It has been a year of very rich services.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Fuller, May 25, 2022