

Rev Lucy's Report to the Board/Program council June 2019



June and July are about cleaning up loose ends and getting ready for the next church year. But there is still a lot going on!

Administration

I have spent considerable time this month on administrative matters. Denis Edgren and I are working on the update to the Employee Handbook. Victoria Owens and I met with Michele Edgren to update the budget in our financial system and to get some financial matters in order for the new year. I am in process with staff evaluations. All of our insurance policies have needed attention. It has been a pleasure to work with the Safety Task force. I have been impressed with the group and the progress they have made.

Religious Services

We had 313 people show up for our Celebrating the Sun service last Sunday. Good turnout for a summer all-ages. I only planned on 250, so the custodians were busy adding extra chairs. Linda Dawson offered her final service as a substitute accompanist. We are grateful for her willingness to serve in this capacity. There have been lots of visitors in the past few weeks, including several families with young children.

The Religious Services committee is going through their annual recruitment process, with possibly four new people added. Ginny Johnson is stepping down after at least three years of service. Celia Buckley and Jed Shapiro are serving as co-chairs, replacing Jess Reynolds who resigned from the congregation a few months ago. Still looking to add a male-identified member if you know anyone who might be interested.

This week we are interviewing five candidates for the accompanist position. Jim Eastman, Mary Howard, Keith Roger and I are serving on the committee. Hopefully we will find a wonderful replacement for Ina. In the meantime, Roger has recruited Nicholas Dold, a fabulous pianist from the Bay Area, and UUSS member Jay Johnsons, to fill in for June and July. We hope to have a new accompanist in place by the first or second Sunday in August.

I am officiating at the marriage of UUSS members William Hattrick and Mario Salcido this coming Saturday. Two other new members have asked for pre-marital counseling. Working with couples is a great joy.

Denominational/Community/ Professional Development

I was honored to be asked to serve on the advisory committee for the Sutter Hospital chaplain program. My service starts in the fall.

I have some planned time away this summer: July 1-9 study leave to work on a sermon series for next year. July 21-16 I will be at SpiritRest, the UU silent retreat that I co-lead (there is still room if you want to come). August 14-19 I will be away at an Interplay leader retreat in North

Carolina. Roger and I have planned our summer schedules so that one of us is present most of the summer.