



Annual Congregational Meeting

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Agenda May 17, 2026

Call to Order and Welcome President, Eliseo Santana, Jr

Vision Congregation
*An inclusive religious community, a beacon for reason,
Meaning and bold social action*

Mission Congregation
*To celebrate dignity and respect for all, nurture lifelong spiritual growth,
act for justice and equality, and serve the wider community*

Centering Rev. Amy Kindred

Announcement of a Quorum Secretary, Barbara Hammond

Reports*

- Stewardship Mary Currey
- Ways & Means Judy Toth
- Lifelong Learning Lori Thorn
- Membership Margie Manning
- Social Justice Linda Stoller
- Endowment Foundation Bill Norsworthy

Business Items

- Operating Budget Joe Pace/Tim Thorn, Treasurer
- Establishment of Fund for Capital/Major Maintenance Joe Pace/Tim Thorn, Treasurer
- Nominating Committee Report & Elections Lauren Logan

Other Business as Appropriate

Modification to Bylaws Sec 7.5 Nominating Committee Secretary, Barbara Hammond

Recognition of Retiring Board Members President, Eliseo Santana, Jr
Closing Words Rev. Amy Kindred
Adjournment President, Eliseo Santana, Jr

*All reports are included in this document.

The Unitarian Universalists Covenant of Right Relations

A covenant of right relations represents the promises we make about how we want to treat each other and serve the wider community. It is a set of guidelines to help us achieve our shared Vision of being an inclusive religious community, a beacon for reason, meaning and bold social action. The intent of this covenant is to promote a respectful, meaningful, nurturing community while reducing misunderstanding and conflict.

We, Members, Friends and Staff of the Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater, aspire to abide by this covenant of right relations to create a beloved community informed by our UU Principles, inspired by our practice of loving-kindness and sustained by our friendships.

We build and serve our community with love and compassion developing meaningful, respectful relationships. We share our joys and concerns. We gladly broaden our circle of friends to include and welcome newcomers.

We come together in peace, sharing the belief in the inherent worth and dignity of all. We cherish our children as our future, promote our youth and honor the elders for the foundations they have built.

We are supportive of one another's self-development and spiritual growth, acknowledging that each person has a unique path and truth.

We are kind and considerate and we express loving gratitude. We speak kindly of all, especially of those who are not present.

We speak with care, listen appreciatively to each other, and assume others speak with good intentions. We help each other see possibilities inherent in viewpoints other than our own, truly welcoming and respecting the insights of others.

We are generous with our time, talents and treasures to encourage, include and inspire one another. We give help and comfort to friends and strangers in need.

We honor and uphold confidentiality and maintain healthy boundaries with each other. We are nonjudgmental, opening our hearts and minds to promote empathy and understanding.

We find ways to express and resolve our conflicts and misunderstandings. We speak directly and privately to those involved, listen with an open mind, make amends and practice apology and forgiveness. We engage in UUC's reconciliation practices as necessary.

We recognize this covenant as a living document and know we may review and adapt it to fit our changing needs and situations as we work together for justice, compassion and peace for all.

Practical Expression of the Values of Our Covenant

As members of a spiritual community, our covenant encourages us to grow into the ideal of loving-kindness towards one another. The practical values illustrated below can help us to anchor the aspirational ideals of our covenant firmly to our everyday lives through intentional practice. We invite you to explore these shared values as possible sources of meaning, guidance, and inspiration

Generosity

Help one another in need. Serve the community with good humor. Share financial responsibility for our good works.

Engagement

Appreciate others for who they are; thank them for what they do. Focus on the good and the positive in our community. Participate in our activities and celebrations.

Inclusiveness

Welcome newcomers with open arms. Be open to, and learn from, all voices - theological, social, and political. Seek common ground. Create a 'yes/and' culture

Listening

First seek to understand. Hear what is said, and listen to what is unsaid. Treat information confidentially.

Acceptance

Disagree respectfully. Avoid gossiping, blaming and shaming. Withhold unsolicited advice.

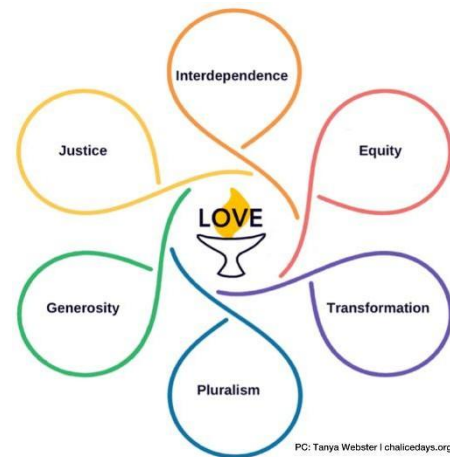
Integrity

Be true to our word, do what we say we'll do. Act with civility, humility and forgiveness

Unitarian Universalist Values

At General Assembly in June 2024, UUs voted to replace existing Seven Principles and Six Sources language in our bylaws with language describing Unitarian Universalism through these shared values, all centered around

- Interdependence: We honor the interdependent web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it.
- Pluralism: We are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, theology.
- Justice: We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all feel welcome and can thrive.
- Transformation: We adapt to the changing world.
- Generosity: We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.
- Equity: We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.



UUC Developmental Goals

- Creating a culture of mutual trust between the congregation, lay leadership, staff, and ministers.
- Strengthening our ability to have healthy disagreements that deepen relationships.
- Moving from an “iChurch” to a “We Church,” balancing individual needs with Beloved Community
- Creating a congregation of encompassing hospitality, prompting multifaceted growth at UUC.

Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027

Description	Amount	Percent	Notes
Income:			
Pledges	\$240,602	52.2%	Stewardship Pledges less projected write-offs
Contributions and other donations	\$21,500	4.7%	Includes plate donations
Fund Raising Events	\$10,435	2.3%	Major fund raisers - Auction, Bake Sale, Concerts
Rental Income - Recurring	\$108,814	23.6%	FFC, Zen Center, FAST, AA Group, Christian Group
Rental Income - Events	\$7,200	1.6%	Take what comes
Foundation Grant	\$64,402	14.0%	Firm amount
Interest - Vanguard MM Fund	\$6,800	1.5%	Short term investment of cash
Total Income:	\$459,753	99.7%	
Prior Years' Surplus Utilized	\$0	0.0%	\$100K of surplus estimated at end of current FY
Other Reserves Utilized	\$1,200	0.3%	Life Long Learning designated funds
Total Funds Available	\$460,953	100.0%	
Expenses:			
Program Expenses			
Minister	\$119,000	25.8%	Current year compensation increase planned
Life Long Learning	\$24,898	5.4%	Current Program continued
Music	\$24,890	5.4%	11 Month Program - July off
Worship	\$20,482	4.4%	Speakers, programs, security & media person
Social Justice	\$4,200	0.9%	FAST and monetary support given
Denominational Support	\$20,742	4.5%	Full Fair Share ask by UUA
Total Program Expenses	\$214,212	46.5%	
Property Expenses			
Property Manager	\$15,912	3.5%	New Position
Property Maintenance	\$55,081	11.9%	Repairs, cleaning, maintenance contracts
Insurance	\$30,232	6.6%	Property, liability, W/C plus Windstorm Mitigation
Utilities	\$39,456	8.6%	Electricity, water, sewer, gas
Total Property Expenses	\$140,681	30.5%	
Support Expenses			
Office Expenses	\$57,605	12.5%	Administrator plus supplies, copier, etc
Telephone and Internet Access	\$5,204	1.1%	Centratel, WOW, WIX, etc
Bookkeeping	\$21,420	4.6%	Contract Bookkeeper
Marketing and Stewardship	\$4,948	1.1%	Includes credit/debit card usage fees
Board and Committees	\$2,650	0.6%	Celebrations, Membership, Coffee Hour
Total Support Expenses	\$91,827	19.9%	
Allowance for Compensation Increases	\$6,907	1.5%	Shown collectively for confidentiality
Available for Board of Trustee Projects	\$4,325	0.9%	
Allowance for Unanticipated Expense	\$3,000	0.7%	
Total Expenses	\$460,953	100.0%	

2026/2027 Candidates for Office



Vice President – Rich Cann

Rich has served as Vice President since June 2025. Rich was an active member of the First Universalist Church of Rochester NY for 6 years, serving on the Ministerial Relations committee as well as singing in their choir. He and his husband moved to St. Petersburg almost 10 years ago. Rich has been a member of this church for the last 8 years, singing in the choir and helping in the tech booth during the Sunday service as well as serving on the Production Committee. He has three adult children all living in Rochester, NY



Treasurer – Joe Pace

Joe and his wife Mary have been members of UUC for over nine years. Joe has previously served as UUC's financial secretary, treasurer and finance committee chair. He received his BA from William and Mary, and MA and PhD in economics from the University of Michigan.



Trustee – Nickie McNichols

Nickie is a founding member of the group Ladies of Uke, which has performed for over 10 years for ALF and nursing home residents. Nickie is a native of the farm country of Central Kansas. She started out trying to learn to play fiddle and mandolin, as a student of Bluegrass music, in Nashville, Tennessee. This proved to be too challenging, so many years later, as a hospice nurse, she picked up an ukulele to play for her hospice patients, became a Certified Music Clinician, and hasn't looked back. She enjoys playing fiddle, ukulele and small percussion instruments, and making people laugh.



Trustee – David Feick

David moved to Dunedin and joined UUC in 2018. He was a lifelong United Methodist but had felt like a UU for many years. David grew up in Pittsburgh with his parents and grandmother. After graduating from Penn State with a marketing degree, he worked in sales, management, purchasing, and computer desktop support. After marrying Francine and retiring early because life is short, they traveled the US in various small RVs and enjoyed bicycling, sightseeing, and some hiking. They spend the summers at Lakeside Chautauqua on Lake Erie in Ohio. He enjoys photography, computers, genealogy, and looks forward to serving UUC as a board member.

Returning Trustees include Christina Bellamy and Marilyn Magee. Bruce Gotts passed in April and Barbara Bedingfield is retiring from the Board.

Nominating Committee Candidates



Candidate Bill Norsworthy

Bill has been a member of UUC since 1983. He has served twice as president of UUC (1986-87 and 2006-07) and currently serves as president of the UUC Endowment Foundation. He has been a member of the UUC Finance Committee for more than a decade and has been a board member for two terms. He was also Chair of the Membership Committee and was the organizer and first leader of the Covenant Group Program.

Not Available

Candidate Carole Vaughn

Carole has been a member of UUC since 2013. She is currently a Member of the Social Justice Committee, Property Committee and Ways and Means Committee. She has also been a Member of the Environmental Justice Committee, the Racial Justice Committee, has worked on developing and attaining our Green Sanctuary designation and was part of the inception of the UUC Garden. She has been a part of many ad hoc Committees and UUC projects. In their spare time she maintains a home and works on various voter efforts. If accepted as a Member for the Nominating Committee she will do their best to serve UUC in this position.



Board of Trustees Appointee – Michael A. Kahn

Mike, has served on the Nominating Committee for one year. He is originally from Daytona Beach, FL, graduated from Emory University (BA Biology, DDS) and pursued a career in dentistry, spanning private practice, military service, and academia as a boarded oral pathologist. Residing in Memphis and Boston before retiring in 2015, he served as emeritus professor, chair, and lab director at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. He remains active in his specialty, consulting for the dental industry, teaching continuing education, and serving as a visiting adjunct professor at Roseman University. A member of UUC since 2016 Mike served on Rev. Roberta's transition team (2021-22) and actively participates in UUC programs.

Returning members of the Nominating Committee include Linda Stoller and Carol Hamilton. Lauren Logan is retiring

Bylaw Modifications

Section 6.1: Annual Congregational Meeting

An Annual Congregational business meeting will be held between March 15 and May 31 at such time and place as designated by the Board. The agenda will include adoption of the annual budget, election of Officers, Trustees, Nominating Committee members and ~~two~~ **one members** of the **Committee on Shared Ministry**, and other business as appropriate.

Section 7.1: Annual Elections

- At each Annual Congregational Meeting, the Voting Members will elect:
- A President, as needed.
- A Vice-President.
- A Secretary.
- A Treasurer.
- Two Trustees.
- Interim Trustees, as needed.
- Members of the Nominating Committee as specified in Article 7, Section 7.5.
- ~~Two~~ **One members of the Committee on Shared Ministry.**

Section 7.5: **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee will consist of five members elected to two-year terms by the Congregation or, in case of a vacancy, appointed by the Board. At its Annual Congregational Meeting, the Congregation will elect two committee members proposed by the Nominating Committee every second year and one member in the alternate years; in addition, the Board will nominate one member for election every year.

The Committee will select a Chair from among its members and will begin to prepare a slate for the following year, no later than September. The slate will include Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, all open Board positions, Nominating Committee members as specified above, and ~~two~~ **one members of the Committee on Shared Ministry**. The Nominating Committee may not nominate its own members for any position nor may its members serve consecutive full terms on this committee. Although its meetings generally are not open to noncommittee members, at its discretion, the Committee may invite others to provide information at a Committee meeting. All nominees will have given consent to their nomination, and the entire slate will be presented to the Board in time for its March meeting.

Minister and Board of Trustees Reports

Minister's Report



Points of Interest

- **Changes in Pastoral Care and the Role of Covenant Groups**

Rev. Amy Kindred

Throughout the year, members of the Pastoral Associates and the Care team noticed changes in how friends and members reached out for help. There were fewer calls for support from the team and more “word of mouth” notices about friends and members who were sick, in the hospital or in need. More often than not, it was someone in a person’s Covenant Group that provided support and care. And, when necessary, that person would contact the minister to assist. There were very few phone calls to the Pastoral Associate phone line as well. So the team has stepped away from the old model of having monthly meetings and is monitoring to see if the current means by which folks reach out for support via contact by and within one’s Covenant Group continues. Of course, if one is not a member of a Covenant Group, the minister’s office phone continues to be available.

- **UU Clearwater Food Forest and Gardens, Potential and Pitfalls**

In January of 2025, a new strategic plan for UUC grounds that includes the area around the Octagon and the pond, the gardens, and the food forest, was revealed. Due to combined efforts of friends and members, interest has grown. The only concern here is that, as more outside groups show interest in participating with UUC’s various projects and plantings, there is just no going forward without addressing the need for a new irrigation system.

- **Covenant of Care and the Four Developmental Goals**

In 2022, the UUC Board invited me, a minister with extra training in Developmental Ministry, to work with the congregation to address four specific goals, chosen before I arrived. Goal number one is Creating a culture of mutual trust between the congregation, lay leadership, staff and minister. The gift of a congregation that is 75 years old is that there is staying power, partly because the governance structure is not taken lightly. For example, UUC friends and members are committed to Congregational Polity whereby the congregation determines policy and who is UUC’s minister, not the Unitarian Universalist Association. And yet, few understand the question, “Who owns the congregation?” The answer is neither the members nor the minister but UUC’s mission and vision. In the course of pursuing mission and vision, I have witnessed some success as members have tried hard to hold space for honest communication, nurturing trust in staff and laity. Developmental goals number two, Strengthening our ability to have healthy disagreements that deepen relationships and number three, Moving from an “iChurch” to a “We Church”, balancing individual needs with Beloved Community have provided opportunities to make change.

Consider this, while yelling or bullying friends and members may have been excused in the past with words such as, “That is just the way that person is,” UUC has entered a new era whereby embracing a covenant or a promise to care is valued more than appeasing the loudest voices. That is, leadership at UUC in the past

year has demonstrated a commitment to moving into the future by nurturing a culture of respect.

Developmental goal number four is Creating a congregation of encompassing hospitality, prompting multifaceted growth at UUC. UUC friends and members witnessed more than a dozen new members who signed the book in the first few months of 2026 alone. Incorporating new ways of welcoming strangers has been intentional and it is working.

- **Lifelong Learning at UUC, Adults and Children**

Recently, I overheard someone say, “We need more programming for adults,” which surprised me. Our Lifelong Learning staff has worked hard to promote and to assist with providing activities for all ages not just for our children.

Currently, adults may attend Chair Yoga on Saturday mornings, the online Writing Group (the third Monday of a month), Open Issues at 9:30 on Sunday mornings (On the first Sunday of a month for 10 months, I provide the UU oriented topic for discussion.), the Pathfinders Luncheon on the third Sunday of a month after service, the new Dinner Church experience, monthly Covenant Groups discussions, EXHALE meditation on Tuesday evenings, Speaking Plainly on Fridays via Zoom, art receptions, Social Justice committee sponsored afternoon movies, special events such as Earth Day (April), Vibrant Visions (May), PFLAG Drag Bingo (January), music events such as One City Choir and more. UUC has a very active adult program. Since 2024, on the last Sunday of a month, UUC has provided intergenerational experiences through the Community Sunday offerings.

For the children, we provide weekly programming around UU specific curriculum. These offerings for all ages are promoted and supported by volunteers as well as UUC Lead Teacher Barb Tobin, Lifelong Learning Coordinator Lori Thorn, and Campus Administrator Anne Gilbert. All programs could use more volunteers to assist.

- **Since committees are providing their own reports, I don’t need to comment.**

However, there is one item that warrants a celebration. The Choral Music program at UUC, under the leadership of Dr. Susan Robertson, is the best it has been in four years! Kudos!

Finally, it often takes two years to prepare for a new minister. I will be retiring from ministry at UUC in August, 2028. As always, I am so honored and grateful to be with you on this journey.

--Respectfully submitted, Rev. Amy Kindred

President's Report

The UUC Board of Trustees meets on Zoom at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month.



Eliseo Santana, Jr

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Treasurer's Report



Tim Thorn

Dear Members and Friends,

It is my privilege to share with you the financial story of our congregation this year — a story that, thanks to your generosity, care, and commitment, has a far happier ending than its beginning suggested.

From Concern to Stability

Last fall, I raised an alarm about a projected budgetary deficit of over \$50,000. That was a difficult message to deliver, and I am deeply grateful for how this congregation responded. Through disciplined and responsible spending across every committee, along with extraordinarily generous mid-year gifts from several members, we are currently in a state of a small operating surplus and looking at closing the year with at worst a very small deficit. What began as a worrying season has ended in a place of real stability.

A Successful Pledge Campaign

I am also delighted to report that this year's pledge campaign was highly successful, raising approximately \$248,397 from 107 pledging units — an increase of 17% over last year! This strong show of support means that, for the first time in several years, we are entering the coming fiscal year with a fully balanced budget that does not rely on prior surpluses. That is a meaningful milestone, and one that belongs to all of you.

The Weed-Murphy Bequest

This year we also received an initial payout of \$100,000 from a generous one-time bequest from the estate of Richard Weed- Murphy, with a substantially larger balance — estimated to potentially be over \$750,000 — still to come. We are grateful for this gift and for the trust it represents. Together, these funds will be more than sufficient to address the long-deferred needs of our aging building and infrastructure.

I want to encourage the congregation to approach these funds with the care and intentionality our Unitarian Universalist values call for. That means deliberate, transparent planning; stewardship that honors both present needs and future generations; and a firm commitment to live within our means.

Specifically, I would urge us to complete our capital priorities using these funds rather than taking on debt. A debt-free path will preserve our flexibility, protect the operating budget, and keep faith with the spirit in which this gift was given.

Looking Ahead

We end this year on solid footing: a balanced incoming base budget, a strengthened pledge base, and a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in the home of our community. While we will likely dip into reserves and utilize some of the bequest income, our daily operations being fully funded is a truly wonderful position to find ourselves in. The work ahead — discerning together how best to use what we have been entrusted with — is exactly the kind of work this congregation does well.

In Gratitude

Serving as your Treasurer has been one of the great honors of my time in this congregation. Thank you for the trust you placed in me, for the patience you offered when the news was hard, and for the generosity you showed when it mattered most. I leave this role with deep confidence in our community and warm wishes for everything that lies ahead.

--In faith and gratitude, Tim Thorn, Outgoing Treasurer

Committee Reports

Beacon Food Forest and Gardens



Chris Mueller

Since its formal embrace by the UUC Board and congregation Beacon Food Forest and Gardens committee and volunteers have continued to honor the interconnected web and keep the vision alive, by maintaining and planting trees and cuttings, pruning, mulching and watering. Committee members include Reverend Amy, Chris Mueller, Amal Jennings and Malika Nair (volunteers), Eliseo Santana, occasional guests and formerly, Cibby Orozco, who has stepped back from leadership. Eckerd college students have assisted and offered to gain experience by building an outdoor deck.

The mission statement of BFF & G is “To seek to serve the community by promoting food security and nurturing connections through educational programs, by being a distribution hub creating a mother garden and a space for sharing and reflection.”

This year included several “work parties” where demonstrations on Huegel composting, creating bio char, container planting, seed bombs and more took place; where special request fruit trees purchased by congregants and native flowers were planted, where a larger compost collection area was unveiled, and where many helped clear brush for an outdoor deck. Music, drumming, education on extreme heat and other topics, and of course food and community building comprised each event.

Examples of some of the variety of fruit trees and plants include various bananas, kumquats, calamondins, persimmons, various citrus, Jack fruit, loquat, Jamaican cherry, various mulberry, jabaticabas, starfruit, several mango varieties, sugarcane, sweet potatoes, chaya, cassava, katuk, turmeric, ginger and more.

One syntropic agroforestry section has been established, and a second one is in process. A huegelkulture bed is currently transitioning to perennial vegetables and 6 pollinator guilds have been planted along the back of the parking lot under the palm trees.

In an effort to bring the Food Forest to accessible reach of folks around the buildings, there are pots of native scrub blueberries along the Social Hall pathway and several larger bushes in the ground behind the chorale room as you head to the Serenity Garden. Some containers around the pond include jabaticaba, oregano, kale and rosemary. A raised bed behind the pond is growing some greens and there are patches of scattered herbs in the serenity garden and out front. Everywhere on campus is a commitment to continue to add native plants for the pollinators.

Ongoing efforts include pruning and watering the plantings as the irrigation system needs expansion and improvements. That’s on the wish list! A current focus is beautifying a walking path with the addition of border plants to make touring the Food Forest inviting and comfortable to stroll through.

Covenant Group Coordinating Team



Mary Currey Sheran Roach

The Covenant Groups program is thriving, with six groups totaling 54 members in UUC's Small Group Ministry, representing **38% of active members** and **pledging friends** and demonstrating the program's **strong impact** and UUC's **resilience**.

The program's mission is to foster spiritual growth and nurture sacred community ties by offering intimate, inclusive, and safe spaces for deep sharing and listening. Through this, members journey toward more intentional and authentic lives.

New Developments This year, a sixth group was established, meeting on campus at noon on the 4th Wednesday. This was made possible by the availability of a suitable time slot and facilitator.

The other covenant groups meet as follows:

- St. Petersburg Women's Group: 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm
- The Wisdom Seekers: 3rd Thursday at 7 pm
- Couples Covenant Group: 1st Friday at 5:30 pm
- Snowbird Covenant Group: 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 2:30 pm (during snowbird season)
- 1st Tuesday Covenant Group: 7:00 pm

This variety of meeting times and dates ensures members can find a schedule that suits them.

Session Planning Monthly session plans are created using UUC's Soul Matter Sharing Circle resources to guide themes. Several members volunteer three hours each month for two months to prepare these plans, which helps lighten the workload for coordinators Mary Currey and Sheran Roach. This practice will continue through 2026-27.

Service Projects Each covenant group contributed to congregational projects:

- All groups volunteered for Coffee Hour after Sunday services, with some hosting more than once.
- The St. Petersburg Women's Group compiled a confidential list of members' emergency contacts for the minister.
- The Snowbirds Covenant Group volunteered for the One City Chorus event.

Acknowledgments and Transition Sheran Roach, who has coordinated the program for five years, will retire in May. We extend our heartfelt thanks to her for her dedication to making the covenant groups a success.

A new volunteer coordinator for the small group program is needed. Interested individuals can contact Mary Currey at mary.currey@gmail.com.

--Respectfully submitted by Mary Currey and Sheran Roach

Endowment Foundation Inc



Bill Norsworthy

Members of the Board of Directors for the UUC Endowment Foundation are pleased to report that our financial support for the congregation's mission and values increased in 2025 and expects to continue to do so in 2026. Our grant to UUC for this fiscal year was \$60,107. This financial support has been possible because of the generous contributions to the Foundation by members and friends of UUC. This dedication and commitment has been invaluable to UUC. In the Foyer of the Octagon (to the left of the doors into the Sanctuary) we now have a donor plaque and a graph that shows the Foundation's grants over the years. If you would like additional information, please contact me or any of the Board Members:

Bob Barnett, Treasurer, Ned Bellamy, Bob Buesing, Gary Clayton, John Fraser, Sandy Hoover, Ed Kraemer, Secretary, Margie Manning, Barbara Murphey, Doug Norcross, Joe Pace, Linda Stoller, Bobbie Watson, Sol Winner, Vice President

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, May through January; February through April, the committee meets more frequently to prepare the annual budget.



Bob Barnett

Tim Thorn has been our treasurer for the last two years. Thanks to Tim for the job well done.

Joe Pace is returning as Treasurer effective May 1, 2026.

At least for the near future, the duties of the Financial Secretary position will be split between Dale Zwick, UUC bookkeeper and Joe Pace. Thanks to Joe Pace, as Financial Secretary, for doing a complete and accurate job over the last two plus years of accounting for income from all sources (pledges, donations, rentals, etc.)

Finance Committee meetings are on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM via Zoom. More frequent meetings are held from February through April when doing budget preparation work.

The main responsibility of the Finance Committee is to prepare the annual budget for review and approval by the Board of Trustees for recommendation to the congregation at the annual meeting in May.

The Finance Committee also provides accounting advice to the treasurer and bookkeeper on how to handle new or one-off transactions, e.g. which accounts to use and setting up new accounts.

The Finance Committee also provides an internal control function by reviewing transaction details and the resulting financial statements each month. Then, if needed, by providing transaction posting corrections to the bookkeeper.

Finally, the Finance Committee oversees the Counting Committee process. The Counting Committee is a very important committee, currently Eloise Hardman and Bob Hedlund, that handles plate collections, and revenue that comes in through the mail, by creating transaction documentation and then depositing the funds into UUC's checking account.

Finance Committee Members: Bob Barnett, Chairman, Joe Pace, Treasurer, Bob Hedlund, Paul Helgeson, Sandy Hoover, and Bill Norsworthy.

Lifelong Learning Committee

The Lifelong Learning Committee meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month on Zoom.

Youth Groups

We currently have a weekly Children's Youth Group serving children through 6th grade.

Volunteers

Our lead teacher, Barbara Tobin, leads the class most Sundays with the help of our consistent volunteers. Thank you to Kathy Krohn, Linda Stoller, Lorē Eargle, Stephanie Winner, Matt Bouchie, and Jen and Jamie Carrp.

Many of our current volunteers are tenured, and we would love some fresh helping hands. Volunteering is easy. You decide when and how frequently you help, you're never alone, and the supplies are always set up and waiting for you.

Attendees

We average 5 children attending each Sunday, but there is a swing between having 1-3 and having 8-9.

Curriculum

The Children's group curriculum comes from Soul Matters, which uses a monthly theme to explore each month.

In July and August, when Soul Matters is not available, we move to CartUUns for our curriculum. CartUUns uses a Pixar Short as the basis of discussion, followed by fun crafts and games.

Engagement

This year, we've let go of some of our activities that had petered out, like Cocktail Club & Game Night and Movie Nights, where attendance became a consistent struggle, and added UU Writers.

Here are some of the things we've done this year:

- The monthly Cocktail Club & Game Night turned into just Game Night, then we attempted to offer it as a dual platform event (in person and on Zoom) but when none of these changes helped it, we retired the event
- Monthly movie night was retired in June 2025
- The RE Newsletter has transformed into a monthly text. Parents and interested persons can opt-in to receive a text from Lifelong Learning outlining the class theme and upcoming family events
- UU Writers began in January 2026 and is a Zoom offering for all people interested in discovery through writing. Prompts are sent out on the first of every month, and we meet on the 3rd Monday of each month
- Event flyers are posted at the RE Welcome table and handed out at both Welcome Tables each Sunday
- We've pushed the use of Social Media even further, posting all events on Facebook and Instagram publicly and in our LLL Group, but also sharing events with local Event and Family hubs
- Parent's Night Out for Valentine's Day, our annual Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat, Christmas luminary lighting, and Solstice Celebrations were a success
- We participated in Pride by boothing at Family Pride in Dunedin
- We donated more painted rocks to the United Faiths Walk of Peace

Upcoming

- Our Egg Hunt will include a planting station so youth can turn a plastic egg into a planter
- Interfaith Earth Day Celebration
- Quarterly Lifelong Learning Committee (LLC) check-ins

--Respectfully submitted by Lori Thorn, Lifelong Learning Coordinator

Membership Committee



Margie Manning

2026 was a very good year for Membership at UUC.

Since June 1, 2025, the start of the fiscal year, 12 people signed the membership book. That total includes five returning members and seven members new to UUC.

Since June 1, we've recorded 105 names of guests on Sunday mornings. Most of them also are receiving the Octagram by email. There may have been more guests than that because a few people don't want to sign their names to our visitors' log, although most people do.

To better greet our visitors and everyone who enters the Octagon on Sunday morning, we moved the welcome table to the center of the lobby. That shift allows us to see everyone coming in, greet them by name and encourage guests to sign-in so that we can send them a welcome email. Marilyn McGee lines up a great group of greeters for Sunday mornings who make sure every person entering is greeted with a smile and friendly conversation. Thank you to the following people who were greeters in the past year: Phyllis Barnett, Barbara Brandt, Trude Diamond, Barb Foley, Diana Fraser, Chris Mueller, Cindi Nohe and Sylvia Scott, in addition to Marilyn and myself.

Greeters also are responsible for counting attendance on Sunday mornings. Between June 1, 2025, and March 29, 2026, we averaged 84 people at each Sunday service. That includes an average of 17 people on Zoom and 5 children in person each Sunday.

In July 2025, we began offering Pathfinders, a small group gathering with the goal of allowing our guests to connect and build relationships, and the hope that would lead to membership. Barbara Brandt and I co-facilitate Pathfinders. The group meets on the third Sunday of the month, after worship service, and follows a format very similar to our Covenant Groups, with readings and discussion questions focused on the monthly Soul Matters theme. A light lunch is provided and there's time at the end for questions about Unitarian Universalism and about UUC. A total of 24 people took part in one or more Pathfinders sessions.

I am grateful to all who worked with the Membership team this year, and that includes each person in the congregation who provided a warm smile, an enthusiastic and genuine greeting, an offer of assistance, and questions to get to know each other. To quote Nicole Presley, organizing strategy director for Side With Love: "This is the sacred task before us — to welcome those who are arriving, to invite people into the next faithful action, and to build the networks, skills and trust that allow us to move together."

--Respectfully submitted, Margie Manning, Membership Chair

Membership Audit Committee



Sandy Hoover

This Committee was formed shortly after Rev. Patrice Curtis came to UUC. The Board of Trustees was confronted with the basic question: How many members do we have at UUC? It would seem like a simple question with a simple answer. However, upon investigation it was discovered there were three different membership lists. Since no one had addressed these lists in several years, each contained a different number of members.

Realizing that this information was extremely important, the Board formed the Membership Audit Committee. After several months of investigating and meetings, a list was finally obtained. The Audit Committee strictly adheres to the UUC By-Laws in all its actions with complete objectivity.

The committee meets at least three times a year to update our membership list. Typically, the Committee meets in August/September (supporting Stewardship); December/January (to prepare for UUA certification); and March/early April (to prepare for UUC Annual Congregational Meeting). Other meetings to determine membership may be required if special congregational meetings are called during the year. After each Committee meeting, if there are any individuals who have not contributed to their pledge, given a contribution of record or believed to have moved, a letter inquiring about their status is sent. As of April 8, 2026 UUC has 144 members and 13 pledging friends

--Respectfully submitted by Sandra Hoover, Chair

The Octagram



Lauren Logan

The purpose of The Octagram, UUC's weekly newsletter, is to serve as "a connective thread for most everything that happens at UUC" (Rev. Amy). Currently it is distributed to approximately 740 subscribers. This includes not only our Members and Pledging Friends, but any nonmember in the greater community who is interested, and we hope, will someday join UUC. As editor, I get to lay out and occasionally tweak the material submitted by Rev. Amy, board members, committee chairs and others. It is their contributions that make The Octagram an important component of our efforts to publicize the opportunities UUC offers for spiritual growth and social justice.

--Respectively submitted by Lauren Logan, Editor of the Octagram

The Property Committee meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month on Zoom.

Property Committee

Mission Statement

We are stewards of the UUC facility, which includes the buildings and grounds. We identify property needs, set priorities, and act within the Congregation-approved budget. We maintain a list of, and perform, preventative maintenance tasks. We use volunteer talents where practical. Where not practical, we choose outside vendors, by competitive bids, when needed. We report to the UUC Board on any items where we are required to do so. We report to the Congregation at its Annual Meeting.

Who We Are

The Property Committee operates as a collaborative working group without a formal Chair. Members during this period included:

Chris Mueller, Del Scott (“Scotty”), Carole Vaughn, Roger Young, David Thornton and hardworking emeritus member, Carl Hansen

The Committee’s work is carried out by a small group of dedicated volunteers, most of whom have already served on the Property Committee for many years and bring deep knowledge of the property and its systems.

Overview of the Year

This year was defined by steady, hands-on work to maintain and stabilize the campus.

Rather than focusing on a few large projects, the Committee completed a number of repairs and improvements, many of which prevent larger and more costly problems in the future. This work was made possible through a combination of volunteer effort, part-time staff support, and targeted use of contractors. At the same time, the Committee began laying the groundwork for larger future decisions, including those related to roofing, energy use, and long-term infrastructure needs.

What We Accomplished

Keeping the Buildings Functional and Safe

A wide range of repairs and improvements were completed across the campus, including:

- Installation of a new accessible ramp at the kitchen entrance
- Replacement of the kitchen dishwasher and related repairs
- Roof repairs to address leaks and prevent further damage

- Repairs to doors, hinges, plumbing, and interior fixtures
- Ongoing general maintenance such as indoor and outdoor lighting, drywall, and small repairs

These efforts help ensure that the buildings remain, safe, usable and welcoming for all who use them.

Caring for the Grounds

Maintaining the campus grounds continues to require significant effort to include:

- Regular trimming, mulching, and weeding
- Tree removal and pruning to address safety and access
- Ongoing care of the pond, including cleaning and debris removal
- Support for volunteer activities connected to the grounds
- Continuing addition of native and food plants on the grounds as part of the commitment to the interconnected web

This work keeps the campus attractive, safe, and usable for events and gatherings.

Pond and Irrigation Improvements

- Continued maintenance of the pond and planning for improved water circulation
- Work to address irrigation system issues and evaluate future improvements
- Electrical repairs affecting pond equipment

These efforts aim to improve reliability and reduce ongoing maintenance needs, while contributing to the sense of beauty and serenity of the UUC campus.

Upgrading Building Controls via Enhanced Thermostats

The Committee continued UUC's transition to modern smart thermostats across campus.

- Eleven units have been purchased and have been installed, for a total of twelve units.
- These systems will allow better scheduling, monitoring, and temperature control

This is an important step toward improving comfort while reducing unnecessary energy use, and is in keeping

with UUC's commitment to a green sanctuary.

Responding to Safety and Risk Issues

Several efforts focused on safety:

These actions help reduce risk and improve safety for everyone on campus.

- Tree inspections and removals
 - Evaluation of playground equipment
 - Electrical system troubleshooting
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Staff and Volunteer Capacity

A significant portion of the work described above is carried out by a small group of long-tenured volunteers. Their experience and commitment are a major strength of the Property Committee and have made it possible to accomplish a great deal with limited resources.

This year, the congregation added a part-time staff member dedicated to property tasks for a limited number of hours per month. His contributions have already proven to be of great value, helping to move projects forward and support ongoing maintenance.

At the same time, it is important to recognize that both the property and the volunteer base are aging. Looking ahead, additional staff support will be essential if the campus is to be maintained in a safe, functional, and attractive condition.

What We Are Watching Closely

Through this year's work, several ongoing concerns have become clear:

- Roof condition, particularly the Octagon, which will require a long-term plan
- Driveway wear and drainage issues, including potholes and erosion
- Irrigation system limitations, affecting multiple parts of the property, including landscaping and water use
- Aging building systems, including kitchen equipment and HVAC

Currently, these are not emergencies, but they are areas where future investment will be needed.

How We Work

The Property Committee:

- Operates without a Chair, using a collaborative approach

- Relies heavily on volunteers and practical problem-solving
- Uses outside vendors when specialized work is required
- Works within a defined budget, with larger expenses coordinated with the Board

This approach has made it possible to accomplish many tasks, working with limited resources, while remaining responsive to the needs of the campus.

Looking Ahead (2026–2027)

Key priorities for the coming year include:

- Developing a plan for roof repair/replacement, including the Octagon
 - Optimizing the new thermostat system
 - Addressing driveway and drainage issues
 - Improving irrigation system performance
 - Continuing to maintain the grounds and aging buildings
 - Evaluating appropriate levels of staff support to sustain ongoing work
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Closing

This year reflects the strength and challenges of a hands-on, volunteer-driven approach to caring for our campus, with paid assistance as well. Paid worker(s) and/or new volunteers will be needed as most of the current volunteers have been actively serving twelve months per year for many years already.

A great deal of work—much of it behind the scenes—has gone into keeping UUC’s buildings and grounds functional, safe, and welcoming. We are especially grateful to the small group of volunteers whose dedication makes this work possible, as well as to the staff support that is beginning to expand our capacity.

Looking ahead, thoughtful planning and increased support will be key if we are to maintain this shared space.

With gratitude for the continued support of the congregation, and with appreciation for all, including Friends of Property, who contribute time, labor, and care to the stewardship of our campus.

The Property Committee
The Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater (UUC)
Spring 2026

The Social Justice Council (SJC) meets monthly on zoom on the 4th Saturday of the month at 9:30 AM

Social Justice Council



Linda Stoller

The meetings are open to all. Regular members are: Trude Diamond, Bob Hedlund, Christina Bellamy, Cibby Orozco, Linda Stoller, Maryann Hamilton, Carole Vaughn, Eliseo Santana, Sue Hand, Margie Manning, Anne Burnham, Barbara Hammond and Rev. Amy. Linda Stoller serves as chair, Bob Hedlund serves as treasurer and Anne Burnham and Trude Diamond rotates as secretary.

The SJC organized a successful postcard writing project. We sent postcards to state officials expressing our opposition to mid-term gerrymandering and over 500 postcards to members of the Clearwater Hispanic community encouraging them to request Vote by mail ballots.

We continued our relationship with HEP (Homeless Empowerment Program) by giving them an annual financial contribution and donating backpacks and school supplies for the children living on their campus. Although we did not have a mitten tree this year, we publicized the Directions in Living Program's Adopt a Family Holiday Program to members who wanted to participate. New this year, we worked with other congregations in the area to develop hurricane emergency pouches in case a local church was again asked to be a hurricane shelter.

We continued our commitment to be allies to the LGBTQI community and a welcoming congregation. We continued to host PFLAG on our campus and do a joint Drag Queen Bingo fundraiser with them. In addition, we collected shoes for the Scouts Navigator fundraiser. This year we made the set of videos, Trans Inclusion in Congregations by the Transforming Hearts Collective, available to all our members. In October, November and December we held group conversations about the videos. About 20 people attended each conversation. This year we also participated in the St. Pete Pride Parade, the Dunedin Pride Family Day and the Dunedin Pride Golf Cart parade. During a Community Sunday we sponsored a special workshop on images of LGBTQI folks with discussions on the images they chose.

As our government's immigration policy became more aggressive we provided local witness against mass deportation by participating in weekly interfaith vigils in front of the Pinellas County jail. We also took responsibility for transporting mutual aid from the vigil to the Hispanic Outreach Center. We also gave support to the Gulf Coast Jewish Family Service Refugee Program by hosting the USF Mobile Health Van on our campus. Members of the SJ Council staffed this monthly event insuring that the building would stay open and be welcoming to the program participants.

--Respectfully submitted by Linda Stoller, Chair

Democracy Advocates Team Members: Lore Eargle, Linda Stoller, Trude Diamond, Christina Bellamy, Bruce Gotts, Jeannine Clayton Coyne and Gary Clayton

Formed in summer 2025, the Democracy Advocates Team (DAT) continues its work to strengthen democratic engagement in our community. Over the past year, DAT has hosted two well-attended public programs: One Million Rising Training (October): A session focused on recognizing the warning signs of authoritarianism and exploring effective strategies for civic resistance.

Resist Love Vote Event (February): A screening of Suppressed and Sabotaged, a documentary on voter suppression during Georgia’s 2018 election and its national implications. The program featured guest speakers Tanya Landry, President of the League of Women Voters of North Pinellas, and Mary Fahy, Co-founder and Chair of Voter Action Pinellas.

Together, these events brought more than 100 participants to our campus and helped deepen our congregation’s commitment to informed, active citizenship.



Christina Bellamy

NAMI Composting Christina Bellamy, UUC/NAMI liaison, and Lore Eargle, UUC Zoom and tech support. National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) has a vibrant chapter here in Pinellas County. Everything NAMI offers is Free. Our UUC/SJC sponsors a NAMI Family Support Group (FSG) every second Wednesday at noon. We are in our third year, offering support, connections and resources to an average of a dozen+ attendees every session, in the Patio Room and on Zoom. It is facilitated by excellent NAMI volunteers who have lived experience and extensive training. The participants regularly comment about how those groups offer something of deep value and meaning at a

very difficult time in their lives.

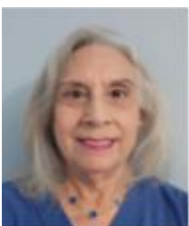


Linda Stoller Lorē Eargle

FAST (Faith and Action for Strength Together) Team Leaders Linda Stoller and Lore Eargle

In August team leaders held four “house meetings” and recruited two sixteen justice ministry members. In October at the FAST Annual Assembly, it was decided that two issues Water Quality and Affordable Housing would move into monitoring status and one new issue, Children and Youth was adopted. Later it was decided that we needed to monitor

a past program “Care About Me” because our research was showing that children’s mental health was still a concern in our community. Our monitoring showed that “Care About Me” was underutilized. We then decided that we needed to ensure that this program continue in our county with more publicity. Our Nehemiah Action will be on April 16 and county commissioners will be questioned about continuing the “Care About Me” program.



Trude Diamond

Racial Justice Team - Chair Trude Diamond

The monthly Racial Justice Newsletter goes to about 30 UUC members, notifying them of upcoming events that support racial justice and its intersection with other forms of social justice. This past year, newsletter recipients and friends attended local organizations’ justice activism events, rallies supporting civil rights, and celebrations of the histories, achievements, and arts of marginalized groups, and local chapter meetings of national organizations like the ACLU, NAACP, and Indivisible. This year the committee again supported and served breakfast at the annual NAACP Dr. Martin Luther King Jr breakfast. In April the movie “Uprooted- The Journey of Jazz Dance” was shown and the Fethiou

Thiossane Cultural Arts African drumming and dance troupe performed.



Cibby Orozco

Garden

This is the report of Se Luz Productions' program Building my Veggie Garden for the years 2025 and 2026. These events are in partnership with UUC the Teaching Garden and with Steadfast Circle of Percussion Drumming.

Teaching Garden 2025- 2026

These are the events that Cibby, representing Building my Veggie Garden and UUC Teaching Garden organized and performed:

- Building my Veggie Garden and the Teaching Garden had 20 gardening classes and eco-friendly workshops in 2025 and all the way up to March 2026.
- Building my Veggie Garden and the Teaching Garden organized an Interfaith workshop in 2025 with the collaboration of Temple B'nai Israel and the Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services.
- Building my Veggie Garden and the Teaching Garden organized an Interfaith workshop in 2025 with the collaboration of Temple B'nai Israel.
- Building my Veggie Garden and the Teaching Garden gave away 50 pounds of vegetables to people in need in 2025.
- Building My Veggie Garden and the Teaching Garden gave away more than 200 vegetable transplants and seeds for the gardeners in the community of Pinellas County.
- Building my Veggie Garden had 2 USF interns in 2025 that promoted the Teaching Garden.
- Building my Veggie Garden in partnership with Steadfast Circle of Percussion Drumming and the collaboration of the Teaching Garden organized 10 gardening classes at the MLK Community Garden in 2025 and 2026.
- Building my Veggie Garden helped UUC organize Earth Day in 2026.

Food Forest and Gardens (FF&G) 2025

As part of the FF&G committee, Cibby, representing Building my Veggie Garden, organized and performed the following events in 2025:

- Building my Veggie Garden and the Teaching Garden organized five Family and Volunteer Days at the Food Forest.
- Building my Veggie Garden and the Teaching Garden organized a Refugee and Family Day at the Food Forest in partnership with the Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services.
- Building my Veggie Garden and the Teaching Garden organized and arranged for two Ecker Professors and a group of Ecker students to come to volunteer at the food forest.
- Building my Veggie Garden and the Teaching Garden organized and arranged for two UF/IFAS Master Gardeners to come to volunteer at the food forest.
- Building my Veggie Garden and the Teaching Garden organized in collaboration with Alianza and Eliseo a workshop about extreme heat.

Financial Report



Treasurer’s Report Trude Diamond and Bob Hedlund

Better World Fund: \$1595.84
 Refugee Committee: \$110.76

Community Outreach Recipients for the last 12 months:

Month	Recipient	Amount
March	Faith in Florida	\$500.00
April	Community Health Centers of Pinellas (dba Evara Health)	\$465.76
May	RAMWI (Refugee and Migrant Women’s Initiative	\$488.06
June	Equality Florida Action	\$293.76
July	Poynter Institute	\$291.00
August	Clothes to Kids	\$397.58
September	Common Cause Florida	\$367.20
October	ACLU of Florida	\$621.87
November	Guest at Your Table UUSC	\$562.45
December	Feeding Tampa Bay	\$1,269.38
January	Pinellas Meals on Wheels (Neighborly Care Network)	\$274.06
February	Southern Poverty Law Center	\$477.76
TOTAL		\$6,008.88

Social Justice Council sponsored events at UUC, expenditures for food and custodial services:

- “Love, Resist, Vote” screening and networking:
- “Uprooted: The Journey of Jazz Dance” screening and performance:

Stewardship Committee



Mary Currey Judy Toth

The 2026-27 Pledge Campaign was a success, exceeding its \$230,000 goal by raising \$247,677, showcasing the resilience of UUC. The campaign, themed **Making Pledging a Pleasure, Strengthening the Spirit of UUC**, ran from March 1-15, 2026, and focused on strategic initiatives: **Start Early, Stay Visible, Report Often**.

- **Early Start:** The \$230,000 goal was announced on January 23, with weekly updates for nine weeks.
- **Testimonials:** On February 8, board members shared personal stories about their support for UUC, including moving accounts from Christian Bellamy, Rich Cann, and Marilyn Magee.
- **Pioneer Luncheon:** On February 19, long-standing and generous members were honored at a luncheon hosted by Sandy Hoover, with catering by Kathy and Dennis Krohn. Pioneer members honored were: Barbara Beddingfield, Linda Carroll, Diana Fraser, John Fraser, Carl Hansen, Jeannie Shimer, Chuck Shimer, Jackie Winner and “Sol” Winner for over thirty years of membership, engagement and leadership with UUC. Bill Norsworthy is a Pioneer, but could not attend, and we wish to recognize, him, too.
- **Customized Outreach:** On February 22, solicitation letters with prior-year pledge amounts were hand-delivered or mailed, accompanied by pledge forms and the UUA Giving Guide.
- **Sunday Service:** On March 1, the campaign was highlighted in a service led by Judy Toth, who shared a humorous and heartfelt message about contributing time, talent, and treasure.
- **Kick-Off Luncheon:** The same day, a Memphis Barbeque luncheon with entertainment by the Ladies of the Uke provided a joyful setting for pledging.
- **Follow-Up Efforts:** Reminder emails, texts, and personal outreach ensured continued engagement, with results announced on March 6, 13, and 20.
- **Gratitude:** Handwritten thank-you notes were sent to all pledgers, and behind-the-scenes efforts involved many contributors, including co-chairs Judy Toth and Mary Currey, Bill Foley, Joe Pace, Marilyn Magee, and Eloise Hartman.

--Respectfully submitted by Mary Currey

The Ways & Means Committee meets in person monthly, more frequently when planning or producing an event.

Ways and Means Committee



Judy Toth

This committee plans and provides social events throughout the year that build community connections and raise funds for UUC. This year, we doubled our events, with Chili Sunday, Auction, Bake Sale, Drag Queen Bingo, Rummage Sale, Rod Macdonald Concert and City Chorus, plus several potlucks! Whew!

Jocelyn Kirby chaired Chili Vanilli, Kathy Krohn with Jocelyn's help did the Bake Sale, I chaired the Auction, Jenn Bouchie chaired the Rummage Sale and Barbara Bedingford chaired The Rod Macdonald concert. Also serving on the committee were Carl Hanson, Carol Vaughn, Nicki McNichols, Mark Brandt, Caroline Kauffman, Susan Howat, David Stanton, and our scribe, Marilyn

Magee

This year, I was so pleased with the new leadership that emerged and the old timers who gave continuity and support to our events. We already have next year's events on the calendar and we welcome new members, anyone who would like to have fun and share their ideas.

--Respectfully submitted by Judy Toth, Chair

Worship Associates Committee



Judy Toth

Our committee works with Rev. Amy Kindred to provide a strong, quality Sunday Morning service experience. Included in the Sunday program are readings, music and announcements that we coordinate with Rev. Amy.

One of our topics this year has been Community Sunday and how to best present the workshops and their location.

Serving on the Committee this year are Sue Hand, Chris Mueller, Mike Kahn, Margie Manning, Peggy Tanney, Ed Kraemer, Soledad Vazquez and Ray Williamson.

--Respectfully submitted by Judy Toth, Chair

Proxy Information and Petition

Proxies must be received prior to the start of the meeting, 12:00 pm, Sunday May 17, 2026, in the Sanctuary.

“The privilege to vote by proxy shall be granted to any member who is unable to attend any Congregational Meeting. A signed, Board approved proxy form shall be submitted either to the Board Secretary or President. The named proxy shall be either the Board Secretary or a voting member of the petitioner’s choice. Proxy votes shall not be solicited.” (Source: *UUC Bylaws*)

To enable someone to vote on your behalf, you must complete the Proxy Petition (below). Do one of these to ensure that your proxy is counted:

- (1) Bring the petition to the check-in desk before 11:45 a.m. on the day of the congregational meeting,
- (2) Complete the petition in the UUC front office no later than May 10th at noon.
- (3) Scan a signed copy and email it to: secretary@uuc.org no later than May 10th at noon.
- (4) Mail the proxy to the following address so that it arrives no later than May 10th at noon. Attention: Campus Administrator
Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater
2470 Nursery Rd.
Clearwater, FL 33764

For more information, contact the campus administrator at 727-531-7704 or Barbara Hammond, BOT secretary.

Proxy Petition

I, _____, a voting member* of the Congregation, affirm that I cannot attend the special congregational meeting, and hereby appoint _____
_____ to act as my proxy to act:

_____ On all voting matters

_____ Only on the following Items (please specify):

Signed _____ Dated _____

* A voting member is a person who has signed the Membership Book at least 30 days prior to the meeting and has made a contribution of record within the previous 12 months.