

VUUPoint
BOARD HIGHLIGHTS
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Friends of VUU,

Fall is in the air—the cooler nights are so welcome! Our sanctuary will soon be filled with everyone who escaped the summer heat.

The VUU leadership team is busy preparing for an exciting new program year! Reverend Andy Burnette will be returning to the pulpit at our Homecoming service, November 13. He will be fresh from his sabbatical and ready to bring us new spiritual challenges as a Doctor of Divinity.

Upon his return, Andy will initiate planning to implement the new Vision & Ends developed by the board and congregation. Our community dialog will continue through February as we define the actions and resources to realize the vision.

In the meantime, staff and ministry leaders are moving forward on innovative initiatives:

Religious Education—Our Director of Lifespan Religious Education, Marci Beaudoin, has hired 4 paid lead teachers to add consistency and professionalism to our classrooms. September registration in Sunday classes has grown! In addition the OWL program for 5th & 6th graders has doubled classes. And the 9th-10th graders in Coming of Age class are preparing for the Boston Heritage Trip in June.

Music—Music Minister Kellie Walker has hired two amazing pianists (who also sing!) to job-share rehearsals and services. This gives added flexibility and coverage potential for future growth.

Social Action—Volunteer Kathy Miller has three new community partners to assist with the I-Help Program, including the American Muslim Women's Association, Nefesh Soul Jewish congregation, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. On alternating Monday nights, we collectively provide 25+ homeless people a dinner, a safe place to sleep, breakfast and a sack lunch. Cheers for interfaith ministries!

Justice District Assembly (DA)—On March 31-April 2, our UU denominational friends will honor immigrants by participating in Immersion Experiences near or across the border with Mexico, culminating in a Sunday worship service at the border.

These are only a few of the exciting things happening within our UU world. We are making a difference—investing in the faith formation of the next generation, enhancing the depth & joy of worship services, engaging in partnerships for a just society, and growing the UU community. Your personal involvement and generous financial support enable this progress—thank you!

Yours in covenant,

Janice Miller

President

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