

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Friends,

We are deeply saddened as October comes to an end with more division in our country, with bomb scares against our leaders, threats in our local schools, and the heinous killings during worship of our sisters and brothers at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. We hope to continue to be a place where you can come to find solace and ways in which to process your grief, turning that grief into love and action toward justice.

With three weeks of our two-service format behind us, we can report that these mornings were full of learning – with 150-170 of us staying each week for adult faith formation! We each have a new opportunity now to be more welcoming, socialize more, learn more, and help each other to grow and become more.

In just a few days, **on November 4**, we'll extend Sunday morning even further with our CommUNITY Sunday, during which we challenge each other to make or raise our financial commitment to our spiritual home for 2019. There'll be a wonderful **catered lunch at 12:30** to celebrate and break bread with our community. There is no charge for lunch, and there will be vegetarian and vegan options. Bring the kids, of course!

**Please RSVP (whether or not you can attend) at [vuu.org/rsvp](http://vuu.org/rsvp) if you have not already, so we know how many are coming.**

What is the board working on right now?

- We're chartering the Capital Campaign and Capital Planning Committees, who have both met and begun their work. We expect they'll soon be communicating with members in various ways, including through the web site, so keep your eyes open, and make sure to feed back to them as they guide VUU in building a new way.
- We all interviewed with the Leadership Development Committee, who are making a short video to highlight what the board does and how we do it. It was a great time for each of us to reflect on and verbalize why we do this important work.
- We spent time brainstorming ideas around how we know we are accomplishing our ends statement #1: "We challenge each person to discover, experience, and be transformed by the deep and mysterious." Are you challenging yourself, and each other? If you have a personal story or want to share with the board, let us know at [board\\_president@vuu.org](mailto:board_president@vuu.org).

With love as our doctrine,

DeeAnne McClenahan, President

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"Feeling gratitude  
and not expressing it  
is like wrapping a present  
and not giving it."  
William Arthur Ward

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