

## **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

From the Board President:

Here we go ... it's the beginning of the "church year," as evidenced by already-full Sunday morning services, and more and more visitors, children, and members will be finding their way to Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation on a regular basis.

Every Labor Day we look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones, the temperatures dipping below 100 on occasion, and children once again scooting in longer lines underneath our bridge of love. This year, the Board and staff are excited to plan for a second service, starting October 14th, when our services will be at 9:15 and 11:30, with an hour for Faith Formation classes for ALL AGES in between. Read more in this newsletter and [Sunday bulletin](#), and plan to set your clock to arrive for the early service and stay for Faith Formation, or arrive for Faith Formation and stay for the second service. We look forward to new learning opportunities and spending more time with you on Sundays!

As we start to plan for our campus and parking renovations, keep in mind that our parking and our chairs are at a premium on Sunday mornings. To help ensure that we have spaces aplenty for visitors - and can be **radically hospitable**, as [our ends statements](#) call us to be - the board suggests a few possibilities to allow for everyone to feel welcome:

Ride your bike, or ride-share with others when you are able.

- Park on the street if you are very mobile, leaving spaces for newcomers who arrive later.
- Park further in the parking lot if you are very mobile, leaving closer spaces for those who will appreciate a shorter walk.
- Sit in the middle of the row instead of on the aisles - those who arrive late will appreciate having an easy seat to find without bothering those already sitting.

Another way to practice **radical hospitality**, and I am committing to this one right now as I write, is to introduce yourself to someone new each Sunday. Ask them how long they've been attending VUU, invite them to stay for one of the Faith Formation discussion groups (or come early for it next week), and suggest the one you went to last week or are looking forward to joining.

The Board is planning our annual retreat in September, where we will get to know each other better and plan our board goals for the year. We plan to make some outgoing calls that day to members to let you know what those goals are, and to ask for your feedback. Don't be surprised if we call YOU. You can always contact me with feedback at [board\\_president@vuu.org](mailto:board_president@vuu.org) or by phone at 602.214.4608.

Happy "new year"!

In service,  
DeeAnne McClenahan  
President, Board of Trustees

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**.....SERVICE IS OUR PRAYER**  
**.....JUSTICE IS OUR CALLING**