

Union Avenue Christian Church Ministry Team Reports for May 5, 2019

Outreach and Service Report

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The Outreach and Service team held a meeting to finalize the budget and discuss some upcoming projects on Sunday, April 7th. On our next service Sunday, May, 26th we are planning to write letters of encouragement and thanksgiving to veterans as well as those currently serving in the military. We are also planning to work with the current garden beds that were used by the Sweet Potato Project in the past and raise some vegetables for Memorial Boulevard's food pantry. Faith formation has contacted us and would also like to be a part of this ministry. We are also planning to pick a day to work on some projects for the Metro Trans group. They will need some help in their garden as well as some general maintenance work done. We would like to say a thank you to all of those that helped with the brown bag lunch project – Be The Church during lent and a special thank you to Ron who was the backbone of the project and the individual delivering the lunches to the facility.

Doug Rademaker

Plant and Property Report

May 5, 2019

Work continues slowly on the updating of lighting on the second floor and beyond. Hallway lighting on the third floor has been completed. But progress is progress.

We have added a new microphone to the communion table and while it is still not perfect it has improved the ability to pick up the celebrant's voices.

Our steam boiler inspection from the insurance company went well, and while we still struggle with consistently getting heat to 206, 207 and 208 we consistently can get the Sanctuary warm! This is the first year in memory we have used the boiler into late April!

The razor wire that was taken down and then reappeared is now getting to a higher priority to determine permanent removal steps.

The West End Players basement electrical project (4-7,000\$) will hopefully begin soon, to avoid conflicting schedules with Opera rehearsals. WEP contributions to the Church will be increased in the coming year to help offset the added costs.

Roofing negotiations are continuing and while cost options range from 343K - 690K the insurance company is only currently discussing the 343K\$ figure. A public adjuster may be brought in, and other options pursued.

The Chapel floors will be getting a refresher coat of urethane soon, and when weather finally cooperates the parking lot striping will be completed.

As always please inform Ron, Ken, Gary, James or Neil as you see things that need our attention.

Respectfully,

Neil McNeill

Arts Group of Union Avenue Team Report

May 5, 2019

The Arts Group of Union Avenue offered a luncheon after church on Sunday, April 7. Participants then attended the West End Players Guild's captivating and poignant production of *Photograph 51*. Thanks to Karen Tye, JoAnne Leach, Carla Duncan and Jennifer Darnell for preparing soups, salad and dessert for all.

Geoffrey Black's show, *A Portrait of Ghana*, was well received. He sold five photographs and all of the monies were sent by Geoffrey to Ghana to the school that hosted the Eden students. Naomi Pope, Roni Hildreth and Carla Duncan met with neighborhood kids on Friday, April 12, to experience Geoffrey Black's photographs of Ghana. He spoke to the children and then they made kente cloth from weaving paper strips and decorating them with symbols. Geoffrey, JoAnne and Carla meet with the UACC children during worship two days later to look at the photographs and then the children were to make kente cloth from paper on April 28, but there were no children in attendance for that.

Congratulations to the Soldan AP Art Studio students of Ron Jennings' class this month. AGUA has been hosting this show for over 15 years, and for the first time both The Pastor's Best of Show selection and AGUA's Best of Show selection went to the same person, Ali Powell, a junior. Congratulations, Ali!

AGUA had a productive meeting on Sunday, April 29. Mary Martin, curator of the *Who is God?* show, attended as the Arts Group and she worked on ideas for the upcoming opening on October 5, 2019, for the *Who is God? Light of the World, Midwest Show*.

Upcoming Shows:

May 16 – June 9, Bruce and Donna Broyles of Godfrey, IL, painter & fiber, *A Different Perspective*, opening Sunday, June 19, 2-4 pm

June 13 – July 14, *League of 32 Signs Art Show*, during UAO *Candide*, reception June 15, 5-8 pm

July 18 – Aug 11, *memorandum: new Paintings by Andy Leicht*, during UAO *LaBoheme*, opening reception July 19, 5-8 pm

Aug 12 – Sept 15, *Artist Veterans*, during UAO *Glory Denied*, opening to be set

Oct. 1 – Dec. 1, *Who is God?* Midwest Show, opening Oct. 5, 1 pm – 5 pm

Dec. 6 – Jan 12, 2020, Roberta Rose, mixed-media artist "Looking Down: Creating the World Underfoot"

Carla Duncan

UACC Faith Formation Ministry Team Report

The Faith Formation Team met on April 26, 2019.

Faith Formation Survey Results (Winter 2019)

See attached survey results and summary report. Survey results are of interest to multiple ministry teams, including outreach and worship.

Children's Sunday School

Older and younger children will be combined into one SS class for the month of May due to a decrease in volunteer teachers and the positive pilot of combined classes during most of Lent. We will be using Holy Moly lessons throughout the remainder of May.

Second Hour

One volunteer per Sunday (excluding parents of children) is scheduled for second hour during May due to a lack of available volunteers to fill two spots each Sunday. Our Seeking Sitters caregiver will be the second helper upstairs if there are no babies in the nursery. Rev. Riggs continues to pursue hiring a temporary caregiver for second hour by contacting area high schools and colleges. (see below)

Hiring (Very) Part-Time Sunday Children's Program Coordinator

Note this is NOT the title of the position we are seeking. Rev. Riggs is creating a job description for a person to run Sunday morning children's programming (1st and 2nd hour). The ideal candidate would be a seminary student. This would be no more than a total of 6-8 hours a week (max). He also is seeking a temporary caregiver position to assist during 2nd hour and is reaching out to area high schools and colleges for this position.

Summer Planning

- ∞ Richard Jones spoke with the adult Sunday School classes to seek their input on what kind of Sunday School programming they'd like this summer (June-Labor Day). The in-person responses, coupled with the survey data, show that there is a high interest in offering intergenerational single-session Sunday morning opportunities that aren't necessarily connected with the prior week's session so that if you miss one Sunday, you can still be engaged when you are there. There was high interest in having outreach-themed sessions that focus on the organizations/agencies that are supported by the Mission Inn guests, as well as other local non-profits.
- ∞ Rev. Michael Riggs also plans to lead sessions the first two Sundays of June on St. Augustine.
- ∞ Richard will be working with Ron and Mady McColm (who will be coordinating the Mission Inn this summer) to put together a calendar of speakers and outreach opportunities for the 14 Sundays between Memorial Day and Homecoming. Some of the Sundays will include hands-on outreach during Sunday School hour that would be engaging for children and adults. Some opportunities may also be held during Sunday School hour in other locations near church.
- ∞ Michelle will reach out to families to see when they will be in town/out of town this summer as we plan activities that will be appropriate for children. Some activities (such as walking through the zoo or Jewell Box) may start as early as 9 a.m., depending on input from families.

Other Faith Formation Opportunities:

- ∞ The team is pursuing a potential book study for older children, possible joint youth programs with Pilgrim/Westminster and area Disciples congregations, a curriculum for our growing nursery, and

parent sessions on building faith in the home with children. Parent input will be sought prior to finalizing these plans.

- ∞ Carla and the Arts Group hosted a special session on the Ghana Project in the Art Gallery for our children during second hour on April 14 with the artist. She will be making paper Kente cloths with the children on another Sunday in May.

Respectfully,

Michelle Mueller and Richard Jones

Winter 2019 UACC Faith Formation Survey: Summary Report

The UACC Faith Formation Ministry Team launched a nine-question online survey using SurveyMonkey® during the winter of 2019. The survey link was included in the *In the Life of Our Church* weekly e-newsletter beginning 1/24/19 through 2/7/19. The survey remained live online through Feb. 10. Hard copies were available in the sanctuary on 1/27, 2/3 and 2/10.

The majority of the questions used a Likert Scale to evaluate responses. The Faith Formation Team will use the survey data to help create goals, objectives and strategies to strengthen and grow faith formation opportunities that nurture a culture of discipleship. The data also will help the team plan programming for the summer of 2019.

A total of 23 respondents completed the survey (21 online, 2 on paper that were later inputted online). Although this number may seem low, it is relative to the average attendance in Sunday worship during the winter months.

Overall, the church has ample opportunities to improve satisfaction among its congregation when it comes to Faith Formation. The FF team, in conjunction with other ministry teams, will need to work diligently to move the needle in a positive direction to better serve the spiritual, emotional and theological needs of our congregation.

Data to note:

- ∞ More than half of respondents “somewhat agree” that UACC is meeting their faith formation needs (spiritual, emotional and theological). About a third of respondents “strongly agree” that their FF needs are being met.
- ∞ Just under half of respondents somewhat agree that UACC offers adequate FF opportunities for adults; a third “strongly agree” that there are adequate opportunities.
- ∞ About a third of respondents didn’t have opinions regarding FF opportunities for children or families; 43 percent “somewhat agree” that there are adequate opportunities for children; only 39 percent “somewhat agree” that are ample opportunities for families.
- ∞ More than half of respondents “strongly agree” that FF opportunities help them carry out Christ’s love in their homes and community. Consider this a strength!
- ∞ A strong number of respondents want summertime SS series that either meet weekly or twice monthly in June/July/August.
- ∞ About 40 percent of respondents want a summertime SS program that appeals to both adults and children that meets twice monthly in June/July/August.
- ∞ A strong number of respondents want intergenerational FF projects that combine the ministries of FF, outreach, arts and worship.

Investment Team Report

CCF Investments						
2018						
	Endowment and Trust		Martha Morgan Short		Legacy	
Jan	\$ 4,716,121.74	2.98%	\$ 3,086,342.28	3.10%	\$ 7,652.55	3.12%
Feb	\$ 4,550,960.44	-3.63%	\$ 2,972,915.28	-3.82%	\$ 7,413.45	-3.23%
Mar	\$ 4,491,871.50	-1.32%	\$ 2,932,163.44	-1.39%	\$ 7,359.85	-0.73%
Apr	\$ 4,498,079.19	0.14%	\$ 2,936,059.82	0.13%	\$ 7,384.22	0.33%
May	\$ 4,508,967.57	0.24%	\$ 2,943,106.74	0.24%	\$ 7,438.41	0.73%
June	\$ 4,487,697.70	-0.47%	\$ 2,928,143.00	-0.51%	\$ 7,436.11	-0.03%
July	\$ 4,553,390.42	1.44%	\$ 2,972,399.97	1.49%	\$ 7,555.81	1.58%
Aug	\$ 4,567,871.71	0.32%	\$ 2,981,754.94	0.31%	\$ 7,612.06	0.74%
Sep	\$ 4,548,883.96	-0.42%	\$ 2,968,422.89	-0.45%	\$ 7,336.38	-3.76%
Oct	\$ 4,285,691.63	-6.14%	\$ 2,788,662.73	-6.45%	\$ 6,966.79	-5.31%
Nov	\$ 4,304,224.90	0.43%	\$ 2,800,863.93	0.44%	\$ 7,019.54	0.75%
Dec	\$ 4,057,474.46	-6.08%	\$ 2,632,517.42	-6.39%	\$ 6,682.07	-5.05%
2019						
	Endowment and Trust		Martha Morgan Short		Legacy	
Jan	\$ 4,302,529.14	5.70%	\$ 2,799,129.90	5.95%	\$ 7,095.40	5.83%
Feb	\$ 4,373,583.25	1.62%	\$ 2,847,229.87	1.69%	\$ 7,215.74	1.67%
Mar	\$ 4,386,203.51	0.29%	\$ 2,855,705.06	0.30%	\$ 7,290.49	1.03%

This is the performance (net all costs) of the funds we are invested in at CCF

2019 From Quarterly Reports

Fund	1 Quarter	2 Quarter	3 Quarter	4 Quarter	YTD
Beasley Growth	9.97%				9.97%
Common Balanced	9.15%				9.15%
Campbell Multi-Strategy	10.2%				10.2%

We have received a request from the Stockdale family to consider establishing a permanent endowment fund which would be invested along with our other investments in Christian Church Foundation. This would be comprised of current and future funds designated as "Stockdale Memorial." The disbursement of said funds would be distributed in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the Church and the Stockdale family.

Jane Koch, Chair Investment Team