



The CommUUnicator

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Waynesboro

Our Ministry is Us

When you hear the word “ministry” at the UUFW, it means much more than the hard work of the minister. It is, in fact, all of the activities that constitute the work of the Fellowship. These day-to-day actions, whether large or small, paid or unpaid, are what brought our beloved community into being and sustain it over time. So when you teach the children, welcome visitors on Sunday mornings, make coffee, mow the lawn, visit the sick, work on a community improvement project or represent us in the fight for justice and equality, you are part of our ministry.

New members often get the sense of a deep connection with the congregation and the Unitarian Universalist faith only after getting involved in ministry work. By working together toward a common goal, new friendships may be formed, old relationships can be strengthened and the commitment to UU principles may be revitalized.

UUFW ministry teams plan and organize the work that we depend on volunteers to accomplish. Together they offer opportunities to fulfill a wide variety of personal interests, and there’s always a need for more volunteer support.

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Circle Dinners: A UU Tradition

Many UU congregations offer “circle dinners” as a way to help members get to know each other better while sharing a pleasant meal and interesting conversation in a relaxed atmosphere. Hosts set the time on a specified date, provide the main dish and coordinate with their guests to bring other dishes for the meal.

Our fall circle dinners will be on Saturday, October 21st. You may sign up to be a host or to attend a dinner in someone’s home. Simply fill out the form by the stockpot at the rear of the Fellowship Hall or submit it online. Look for [Circle Dinners](#) under the Connections tab on the UUFW website. The firm deadline to sign up is Sunday, October 8.



A Circle Dinner may be for adults only or for families. Anne Armentrout hosted this one.

Our Ministry is Us (Cont.)

The teams and their leaders are:

Religious Education

Ruth Parcells re@uufw.org

Social Action (currently vacant)

Worship and Music

Anne Armentrout worship@uufw.org

Buildings and Grounds

Joe Good grounds@uufw.org

Fellowship and Hospitality

Laura Hiatt hospitality@uufw.org

Caring Network

Hinda Richards caringnetwork@uufw.org

Membership

Sylvia Woodworth membership@uufw.org

LGBTQ Concerns (currently vacant)

Now is a good time to be thinking about which of the various activities that fall under our ministry teams you might be interested in. If you are a new member, feel free to contact team leaders to learn more about the activities they oversee. (For Social Action and LGBTQ Concerns, ask Rev. Paul.) Team leaders will be sharing more about volunteer opportunities and ministry needs in this newsletter, the weekly email blasts and on Sunday mornings when activity sign-ups are often encouraged.

Member News

Our immediate past president, Debora Hoard, is recovering from treatment for breast cancer. She wants everyone to know that she is doing well

and will be back at the Fellowship very soon.

Condolences to Kay Yost and Grace Leary, whose mother and sister, Lois Yost, passed away recently.

New Member Spotlight



Robert Crouch and Heather Banks joined the Fellowship together. They enjoy each other’s company yet treasure their independence. Bob lives in Waynesboro and Heather lives in the Harrisonburg area, but they both feel that they have found a spiritual home at UUFW. Heather retired after 40 years in the Maryland/DC area, where she had jobs as an English teacher and editor. Bob is also retired after 20 years at GE and working in the automotive industry. Bob is active in Virginia Organizing and in AA, while Heather is involved in community activities in her area, including Faith in Action and several writing groups.

A warm welcome to our newest members, Donna Nicely, Nancy Sheridan, Michelle Whatley, Taylor Keller and Mary Cunningham.

