

First Unitarian Church of Orlando
Monthly Program Report to the Board
Rev. Kathy Schmitz
May 2016 (Covering April 2016)

This monthly Program Report to the Board of Trustees is intended to be a summary for congregational leaders. It is posted to the web as a handy overview for anyone interested.

General

Programming planning for next year (September 2016 – May 2017) continues. In addition to regular planning, we are considering creative ways to manage times when portions of our campus will be unavailable due to renovation. With a little flexibility and goodwill, we are confident we can meet the needs of our robust programming.

Worship & Music

This month, Intern Minister, Rachel Christensen, led worship on one Sunday. On another Sunday, Rachel did a “pulpit swap” with Tracie Barrett-Wesler, Intern Minister at the UU Fellowship of Marion County. Rev. Kathy led worship on two Sundays.

Music was provided by the Chalice Choir on two Sundays, The Lyric Trio on one Sunday, and the Folk Ensemble on another Sunday.

We held a memorial service followed by a reception for 1U member, Lois Wood.

Patty Reynolds and Mike Moran were joyfully married in the 1U sanctuary in a ceremony officiated by Rev. Kathy.

Religious Education (Children & Adults)

Children’s Religious Education had a full month of programming and began their preparations for their annual worship service on May 1. The Middle School *Our Whole Lives* (OWL) program wrapped up its 8-week session.

Sunday morning Adult Religious Education continued its regular rotation.

The Spring offering of *Welcome Home Wednesday* continued and runs until May 4.

Community, Care, & Connection

The Membership Team held a *Journey to Membership* series. The Friday evening – Saturday morning class was followed by New Member Potluck which gave 1U leaders a chance to get to know our newest members. Six new members were welcomed into membership on April 17. They are Sharon L. Cilono, Joe Donatone, Tanya Field, Becky Herrick, Paul Herrick, and Andrew Jarvis. Their photos and bios will be posted in the Gore Hall foyer. We expect one additional participant to join.

Regular groups and activities continue to provide opportunities for fellowship and engagement.

Outreach & Social Justice

Our Share the Plate partners for this month were *Organize Now & Florida Institute for Reform and Empowerment (FIRE)*. \$830.35 was received during the offering and will be sent to the FIRE. You can see all our Share the Plate plans on [our website](#).

1U again had a tent at *Central Florida Earth Day*. This event at Lake Eola draws over 20,000 people. We receive two tents spaces in exchange for hosting the monthly vegan pot luck and we donate the second space to the *Farm Workers Association*.

Communications

We continue to welcome your respectful feedback on our website at webmaster@orlandouu.org. Please let us know of any corrections or updates.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Kathy

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