

Minister's Report

SUBMITTED: MARCH 12, 2018

LIST OF REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED

- ☪ Monthly Board Meeting
- ☪ Monthly Westchester UU Ministers
- ☪ Monthly UUMA Cluster
- ☪ Monthly Committee on Ministry Meeting
- ☪ Monthly Visit with Mentee
- ☪ Monthly New Minister Discernment Group
- ☪ Weekly Supervision with Intern
- ☪ Weekly Supervision with DRE
- ☪ Weekly Supervision with Administrator
- ☪ Weekly Staff Meeting
- ☪ Weekly Community Coffee

IRREGULAR MEETINGS, TRAININGS, CONSULTATIONS AND RITES OF PASSAGE

Annual Planning meeting with Rev. Michael Tino and Tracy Brenneman

Federated Conservation meeting on local climate issues for clergy (at Rob Carrol's request)

WORSHIP

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| Sunday, February 11: | Stirring the Oatmeal Love |
| Sunday, February 18: | Punching Nazis (William) |
| Sunday, February 25: | From Freedom to Fortune (Stewardship Sermon) |
| Sunday March 4: | (Program Group) |
| Sunday, March 11: | (Guest Preacher) |

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| February Theme: | Love |
| March Theme: | Wandering/Journey |
| April Theme: | Faith |

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

- A. Pastoral Care has increased this month.
- B. We talked about becoming a Sanctuary Congregation. There is no urgent need for us to do this. There is good reason to think Blanca qualifies for asylum and she has a lawyer working toward that end. If we wanted to provide sanctuary to someone, the Danbury congregation has offered to partner with us, using their space which they have already prepared for such a situation. In addition, the congregation in Huntington has offered financial help were we to need it for this. I will continue to work toward
- C. At the last minute, Maryknoll altered their availability and we can no longer have our shared Earth Day service there. We are considering having it at the White Plains church instead.
- D. We had our first Quiet Morning. This idea came from a member who expressed a need. I am planning to create this space regardless of whether there is anyone in attendance, but I was pleased that three people joined me, one of whom is local but is not a member and has never been in our building before. That person knew about it from a post on my Facebook page. It was a good example of doing things differently to meet needs for the people we don't yet know.
- E. I am pleased that the tag sale raised nearly \$2,000 and I'm grateful to all the people who worked to make it happen. An additional benefit is having so many people find us and come into our space. One of the things that worked was the advertising Barbara did in a variety of different spaces which would be good

for us to remember next year. And yet, with so many positive outcomes, I am hoping part of the debrief discussion weighs the amount of work against the total funds collected.

- F. I appreciated the conversation we had about moving forward. I am thrilled that we'll take seriously our need to commit to alternative revenue streams and are looking to make our ideas more concrete. I hope we also move forward with ideas for how to reach people in the community who are not going to plug into our current programming but who might be interested in new ways to worship, build community and shape the world in love.
- G. The drumming circle is taking a break while they consider leadership. It is likely they will return with a monthly circle rather than weekly.
- H. I have heard that there is a desire for more adult RE. I am very willing to offer more programs, but my experience so far is that attendance tends to be very low and in the evenings, almost non-existent. The two most successful programs were *Head, Hands, Heart* which was on Tuesday mornings and *Unitarian Universalism for the Unitarian Universalist* which was Wednesday evenings. In addition, I've brought programs once or twice a year but rarely get more than 5 people. If there's something in particular folks would like me to teach or conversations for which you'd like me to provide space, I'm happy to do it but need more specific ideas about what people are willing to show up for.
- I. I am willing to hold discussions (ie Minister's Mind) after worship, but would need space in the sanctuary to do it. Our current pattern of setting up tables isn't conducive to those conversations.

UPCOMING DATES

March 14: Prideworks
March 17: Sound of Music Fundraiser
March 18: Tag Sale Debrief
March 27: Quiet Morning Meditation
April 1: Easter