

Board Notes January 2017

To All our Members and Friends at UUFM:

New Year's Greetings from you Board of Directors!

At our board meeting this month we discussed a few things we'd like to let you know about:

1. We have heard more from Lisa Presley, Congregational Life Consultant with the MidAmerica Region of the UUA, about **Developmental Ministry**. In response to a question about what the board can do to prepare for a Developmental Minister, Lisa recommends: deep discussions about our congregation's relationship with ministers in the past; looking at our trust level; and looking at what unstated but very real expectations are placed on our minister, among other questions. Another question she answered was, yes, a Developmental Minister can teach adult classes: whatever we think will help us reach our goals. Again, we'll keep you informed.
2. **NEW ART WORK IN OUR NEW ENTRY HAS BEEN INSTALLED!** Come see how beautiful it looks! We are blessed by our talented and generous members!
3. **NEW STEWARDSHIP DRIVE:** This year's drive, "It Takes the Efforts of All of Us," for our 2017-18 fiscal year has begun! You will be contacted by a Steward to schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss your hopes and dreams for our congregation. Enjoy the conversations!
4. **VOTING ON ESCALATING INEQUALITY:** As part of our annual certification process with the UUA, we have been asked to vote on whether the draft Statement of Conscience entitled "Escalating Inequality" should appear on the Final Agenda of the 2017 General Assembly. We will vote on this at our MidYear meeting on January 29th. Please take the time to read this important document.
5. **MIDYEAR MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, THE 29TH AT NOON.** If you have never attended one of our congregational meetings before, please consider attending. Child care will be provided after our Sunday luncheon. This is one way we express our 5th principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in the society at large.
6. **CHILD CARE COORDINATOR:** Marlene Stein-Greiner has generously offered to coordinate child care in the nursery on Sunday mornings, and for other meeting times as requested. Please let Marlene know if you need child care for a meeting or other event at church.
7. **CFD Director and Choir Director:** The search continues to fill both these positions.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

In Gratitude,
Nancy Cramblit
Your Board President