

Board Notes December 2017

To All our Members and Friends at UUFM:

WE HAVE A NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR!!

The board is very pleased to announce the approval of Peter Kuhlman, UUFM member, as our new choir director! Peter will begin his new duties after the first of the year, with choir practices beginning on Wednesday, January 17th from 6:45 until 8pm.

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW ROLE, PETER!

We also have a new building use policy which sets reduced fees for nonprofits wanting to use our space, and clarifies the process of our building rentals. We thank Linda Ganske and Karen Knox for their dedicated, detailed work on this! It's much appreciated, Linda and Karen!

Several members have mentioned their interest in exploring a new name for our congregation, instead of "Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato." Laura Bealey led us in several discussions about this a few years ago when she was President of the Board. We feel it's time to bring this up again! We do not plan on making any final decisions on this until after our new minister arrives, but we'd like to start the discussion this year. So- on Sunday, January 21st, we will have Table Topics on this subject: "What's in a New Name in the New Year?" The Table Topic discussions happen during coffee hour, with a few tables reserved for this purpose. In March, we plan to hold a Listening Circle on the topic of a new name. The Star Tribune wrote an article on "what's in a name? Churches trade old names for new, younger members" in April 2017. Reading this article might spur some ideas for us!

HAPPY NEW YEAR ONE AND ALL!!

In Gratitude,
Nancy Cramblit, Your Board President