**Minutes of June 5, 2024 Meeting of the Worship & Music Committee 5:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance:**  Adeline Bailey, Nancy Luthy, Martha McGovern, Suzyn Mills, Jane Tumas-Serna

**Theme Question for 2023-2024:** “How could we tire of hope? – so much is in bud.”

“Beginners” by Denise Levertov #648

Chalice Lighting: (Thanks to Suzyn) “Some People could be given an entire field of roses and only see the thorns in it. Others could be given a single weed and only see the wildflower in it. Perception is a key component to gratitude. And gratitude is a key component to joy.” Amy Weatherly

1. Minutes of May 1 meeting were approved.
2. Assessment on progress with methods of increasing involvement:
* Martha will continue in efforts to recruit and line up Worship Associates in time for The Confluence.
* Time for All Ages – team, schedule, suggested readings
* Time for All Ages is included in all services (as is possible).

We can have a regular spot in The Confluence to suggest books and to request recommendations.  **Action**: Martha has submitted an article for the April Confluence as the first of a regular column called “Search for Truth Library for Young People.”

We have had books relevant to a topic or season on display and available for loan. We have set up a table in Social Hall and have provided a simple sign-up with title of book, name of borrower and contact (telephone or email). Dawn has stamped the books as property of FUUSM and created a sign-up/return form in paper form. The electronic form will be developed later. **Action:** Martha will reestablish the book display and temporary check-out station in Social Hall.

* We can increase coordination with childcare staff. Worship planners/leaders have started to alert Debra Lauer of the book/topic to be featured in Time for All Ages at least a week ahead of time, providing them with a copy of materials and ideas for follow-up when possible.
1. Correspondence: Martha – Thank you notes have been sent to Ami Rush, Martha Webster, Darryl Ting, Betsy Kalter & Rileigh Trembly, Nancy Luthy, Mike Lang, Virginia Henthorn, Marlene L’Abbe’, Chris Hoke, Adeline Bailey, Kelcey Jacobs, Laura Delancy, Gerry Spiegler, Richard Thieret.
2. Financial Matters:

Richard Thieret as guest speaker from outside MOV on June 2, 2024 worship service has declined the stipend.

Randall Kidder has requested that Worship & Music Committee provide partial funds to pay for glasses that will enable him to see music clearly as he plays. A check to pay Sprout Vision Center, LLC, $100, has been provided to Randall.

1. Design & Decoration Update: Jane Tumas-Serna & Nancy Luthy

The Board has approved the Policies and Procedures for Artwork which was submitted

to the them. They have shared it with the congregation for feedback and will make a

final decision at the next meeting. Tentatively, a meeting of the Art Work Team has

been set for Thursday, June 13 at 9:00 or 10:00 a.m.

1. Creative Expression Portal in the rear of the Sanctuary Jane Tumas-Serna will continue to encourage and line-up displays for future months.

June – LGBTQ+, Juneteenth, General Assembly (Ami Rush, Marlene L’Abbe,

Jenna Young)

1. Participation in Climate Justice Revival, September 28-29 Cost $50 for registration/resources The Committee encouraged Adeline to pursue the event with Green Sanctuary and scheduled the related worship service for September 29.
2. Reflection on Recent Worship Service/Event:

What went well :

What to improve, change:

1. Emergency Statement for WL or WA

**PATTERN:** 1st Sunday – Bring a Guest, 2nd Sunday – Social Justice, 3rd Sunday – Green Sanctuary

**2024**

**MAY Pluralism Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month**

**Mental Health Awareness Month**

 **Mother’s Day – May 12 Memorial Day – May 27**

 **5** WLs: KAT & Rebecca Phillips w/ Ted Goertzel -- “Article II: Amplifying the Charge”

 **12** WL: Suzyn Mills Family Day “Celebrating Families”

Choir: “Musica Gloria!” music-Mark Hayes words-Joseph M. Martin

*May 18 Plant Sale – ADD Art Sale? Voter Registration?*

 **19** WL: Virginia Henthorn “Creativity & Spirituality: Let It Be a Dance”

[Chris Hoke & Marlene L’Abbe’, Adeline Bailey, Kelcey Jacobs]

  **26** KAT Memorial Day

**JUNE Renewal LGBTQ+ Pride Month**

 **Father’s Day – June 16 Multicultural Festival – June 21-23**

 **Juneteenth – June 19**

 **GA – virtual June 20-23**

 **2 WL: Martha McG Guest Speaker: Richard Thieret “Let’s Do It (or maybe not)”**  The Biology of Gender

 **9 WL: Debra Miller Speaker: Jay Warmke “Resiliency”**

 **16 KAT Flower Communion/Father’s Day/Juneteenth WA: \_\_\_\_\_**

 **23 Multicultural Festival – Kat service at park with picnic**

*Use new sign to announce picnic at Multicultural Festival and no worship service at FUUSM*

 **30 WL: Rebecca Phillips GA – coordinators Mike & Adeline Bailey**

**JULY EQUITY July 4 – Independence Day**

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 **28 Guest Speaker - Robin Bozian on Equity**

**AUGUST INTERDEPENDENCE**

*Contact Richard Thieret about service in late August – “History of Life”* [See Brainstorming, too]

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**SEPTEMBER JUSTICE September 2 – Labor Day**

 **1 Kat – Labor Day (Sound Seasonings)**

 **8 Water Ingathering**

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 **29 Green Sanctuary – Climate Justice Revival CHOIR – commissioned song**

**OCTOBER GENEROSITY** JD Stillwater – worship service & workshop? – Kat will be in

discussion with JD

2 – Rosh Hashanah, 11 – Yom Kippur, 14 – Indigenous Peoples Day, 31 – Halloween

 **6** *W & M Committee – “We Forgive Ourselves & Each Other”*

 **13 Adeline Bailey coordinator guest speaker from Belpre “Ralston Mound**

**Dilemma”**

 **20**

**27 Kat Halloween**

**NOVEMBER PLURALISM**

 **3 Kat Day of the Dead**

 **10** Carol Steinhagen – invite for Native American Heritage Day for either

November 10 or 17

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 **24 Kat Thanksgiving**

**DECEMBER TRANSFORMATION**

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 **8 Ribbon Communion**

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*December 24 – Christmas Eve Service*

 **29 Fire Communion**

**BRAINSTORMING:**

Future Services:

*\*Richard Thieret – possible contributions: History of Life (the origins of life in you), Carbon & Consumerism, Spiritual Narcissism, Spiritual Beliefs about the Soul, Piety and Plagues. Also a bioethics play and a Unitarian jeopardy game.*

\*Ralston Mound Dilemma – Adeline Bailey

\*Nancy Luthy will provide the name of a UU minister who offers a wide variety of virtual reflections. Mark Bernstein m.mjbernstein@verizon.net

\*Service or part by Pledge Drive Task Force – Martha will share passage on Belonging

\*Exploration of “Do we really want to grow? Why? If so, How?” as follow-up to open letter “Why We Aren’t Growing”

Voices from the congregation on how thankfulness is/was woven into their lives. E.g., grace

before meals, ritual at Thanksgiving gathering, nighttime meditation/prayer

Jeff Schenkel – local artist and politician

Natalia Rudiak – natalia@reimagineappalachia.org, local@reimagineappalachia.org

Quaker group

Ginnie McNeil – FACT (FAith Congregations Together)

Tom Rooney – Sustainable Forestry Director for the Nature Conservancy

Mark Bernstein – leadership development

Pete Mather – OU professor

Steve Peck

“Open the Window, Let the Dove Fly In” could be the basis of an entire service.

Annie recommended Luther Krueger as a speaker on solar energy (Ambassador for Solar

Cookers International)

\*Cory Sampson – Reflection on topic of choice, date TBD

Mike Tager OR Mitchell Krumm – Marietta College, Political Science – guest speakers

Include more on Ways to Meditate

Have a service with women from Uganda on Women in Agriculture (Annie Warmke)

Continue to make contacts with other faiths, cultures

Need to talk with other groups (Building & Grounds, BRIDGES) about taking part in or taking responsibility for worship service?

Establishing Chalice Circles, perhaps interest-based

Create a book of Graces, resources – for this Thanksgiving and keep adding

 e.g., Darryl Ting’s Community Meal grace, *Earth Prayers, Life Prayers*

Reacquaint ourselves with our “liturgical calendar” **Shared at October meeting**

Perhaps establish quarterly goals, projects **UUA Holidays, Holy Days & Worship**

**Themes for 2022-2023 shared at October meeting**

Suggested Books:

*An American Story* by Kwame Alexander, Illustrated by Dare Coulter

*A Grand Old Tree* by Mary Newell DePalma

*Because of an Acorn* by Lola M. Schaefer and Adam Schaefer, Illus by Frann Preston-

Gannon

 *Breaking News* by Sarah Lynne Reul

 *Folktales for a Better World: Stories of Peace and Kindness* retold by Elizabeth Laird,

illus. by Mehrdokht Amini

 *How to Help the Earth* by the Lorax with Tish Rabe, illus. by Christopher Moroney & Jan

Gerardi

 *Humphrey’s First Christmas* by Carol Heyer

*I Am Golden* by Eva Chen

*I Am Thankful: A Thanksgiving Book for Kids* by Sheri Wall, illus. by Holly Clifton-Brown

*I Will Dance* by Nancy Bo Flood and Julianna Swaney

*If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson

*Martin’s Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Doreen Rappaport, illus. by

 Bryan Collier

*Missing Kitty* by Mark Neyman

*No Time for Mother’s Day* by Laurie Halse Anderson

*Our Class Is a Family* by Shannon Olsen, illus. by Sandie Sonke

*Outside In* by Deborah Underwood, Illustrated by Cindy Derby

*“Slowly, Slowly, Slowly,” said the Sloth* by Eric Carle

*Someone Builds the Dream* by Lisa Wheeler & Loren Long

*Sparrow’s Prayer* by Roger Hutchison, Illustrated by Ag Jatkowska

*Stone Soup* by Marcia Brown

*Ten Beautiful Things* by Molly Beth Griffin, illus. by Maribel Lechuga

*The 1619 Project: Born on the Water* by Nikole Hannah-Jones & Renee Watson, Illus. by

Nikkolas Smith

 *The Bee Tree* by Patricia Polacco

*The Birthday of the World* by Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen

 *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds

*The Elephants Come Home:* A True Story of Seven Elephants, Two People, and One

Extraordinary Friendship by Kim Tomsic, Illustrated by Hadley Hooper

 *The Undefeated* by Kwame Alexander, Illustrated by Kadir Nelson

 *The Wise Fool: Fables from the Islamic World* by Shahrukh Husain & Micha Archer

 *This Very Tree*: A Story of 9/11, Resilience, and Regrowthby Sean Rubin

 *Tikvah Means Hope* by Patricia Polacco (a story related to Sukkot)

*Time to Fly* by George Ella Lyon (A story of nurturing and independence)

*Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt*  by Kat Messner with art by Christopher Silas Neal

*We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom (inspired by Native American

legends and recent actions)

 *We Dream a World* by Yolanda Renee King, illus. by Nicole Tadgell

 *We Planted a Tree* by Diane Mulfrow*,* Illus. by Bob Staake

 *Welcome Home, Bear: A Book of Animal Habitats* by Il Sung Na

*Who Counts? 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons* by Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg

Sasso, Illustrated by Margaux Meganck (A Retelling of Jesus’s parables)

*Yaffa and Fatima: Shalom, Salaam* adapted by Fawzia Gilani-Williams; illus. by Chiara

Fedele