

Worship: Graduation Sunday Service this year was more involved than last year, as it included special reflections and a ritual marking the retirement of our long-time DRE, in addition to the Coming of Age parents' comments and one HS graduate's reflections. In retrospect, I should have cut some of the other elements of the service, as it went well over time. [After discussing this issue with the CoSM and Sunday Services Committee, I'm making plans to establish 75 minute services as the norm during the "church year" and 60 minutes during the summer, and also look for ways to keep to those norms in planning and presenting services. Also in the last three weeks since my previous report, I've researched and written two sermons "Paying It Forward", and "'Tis a Gift to Be Simple and prepared two other services (choosing hymns, readings, communicating with facilitator, accompanist, choir director, drafting the Order of Service covers, content, compiling Sunday Service Script, and powerpoint slides, etc).

Counseling and Pastoral Care: Made hospital visit, home visit, several pastoral phone calls, emails. Led monthly meeting of Pastoral Friends; presented a summary of the Managing Family Conflict at the End of Life workshop attended earlier in the day as the continuing ed portion. Wrote the Pastoral Friends annual report.

Practical Arts/Administration:

- Met with DRE and Office Assistant to discuss short- and long-term tasks and goals. The DRE and I have also scheduled his Exit Interview and farewell dinner with RE Committee.
- Held annual performance review interview of Office Assistant with Yo Presley, Communication team member 5/20
- Met in person or on the phone with BOT chair weekly to go over CUF happenings.
- Met with Committee on Shared Ministry to review their MFC evaluation of my performance and discuss goals for next year.
- Attended the BOT meeting which centered on deliberations of the FY17 budget.
- Attended the Congregational Business Meeting.
- Created Sunday Service calendar for FY17; met with Sunday Services Committee, focused on Summer Service schedule, possible topics. We also discussed how renewal of the Welcoming Congregation status might be introduced in a Summer Service, then program updates from the WC team a couple of times over the next church year.
- Wrote "Summer Message" to replace June-August newsletter columns, posted on personal and CUF Facebook pages on CUF-related items. Wrote various bulletin announcements, edited the Bulletin every week before publication.

- Attended Program Committee meeting, discussed plans to offer Building Your Own Theology course in the Fall, start-up of Covenant Groups. Also discussed updating Program brochure and ideas for heightening publicity.
- Spoke with Regional Consultant Dori Thexton regarding new RE staffing plan and “Generosity” discussions, updated Miriam Link-Mullison, who is planning those discussions, and connected them via email.
- Attended RE Committee meeting. Met and emailed with RE Committee chair to discuss new RE staffing plan and hiring options. She drafted the job description based on the UUA thumbnail sketch I sent. Corresponded with IDRE applicant regarding her possible interest in new RE Consultant position.

Organizational Ministry:

Thanks to Arts & Aesthetics’ permission and Building & Grounds chair’s art-hanging skills, I was able to arrange to make the 3 GLBTQ-positive paintings’ dedication as a surprise gift for Roy’s retirement celebration. I invited all Rainbow Café Board members, Chip Loghry came and spoke at the party.

Coordinated the New Member Recognition during the 5/29 service. We have five new members who participated in the Spring The New UU course, three of whom are already active in committee and leadership roles, the other two have volunteered in the office.

Nurtured lay leadership in Sunday Service facilitators and speakers.

Personal Growth: Monthly: Spiritual Director, Daily: exercise and/or meditation.

Professional Growth: Monthly mentor call; Peer Discernment Circle video conference; Family Systems Coaching, BUUMS meeting. Attended SIH-sponsored workshop “Managing Conflict, Finding Meaning Supporting Families at Life’s End at John A. Logan College” (5/17).

Made a rough draft of MFC Self Evaluation.

Teaching: Led 20 minute orientation to UU/CUF session with one attendee, a CUF member who said she wanted to learn something about UU history.

Denominational Activities: N/A

Prophetic Outreach: Attended year-end celebration of the Carbondale Interfaith Council, offered closing prayer of thanksgiving. In addition to the new CIC liaison, several other CUF members attended/participated. Attended Race Unity “continuing conversations.”

Goal Follow up:

- Identify bulletin board volunteer to add to/refresh activities (6 mos.)