

## **UUG Worship Committee Report to Congregation October 2019**

The worship committee is responsible for all aspects of worship every Sunday. We recruit guest speakers, advise on worship themes, consult with the choir director, and produce the printed order of service,. And we provide the worship assistants who work with the ministers and guest speakers

It is a continuing joyful challenge to provide worship services that meet the spiritual needs of a diverse congregation that includes Christians, Buddhists, atheists, pagans, and a wide variety of other spiritual paths.

Our ministers provide the foundation and continuity twice a month, except in the summer.

We have had a wide variety of other services in the past year, including non-traditional services led by some of our members. We had our first choir Sunday in May and will make it an annual tradition.

The latest development is that, in the hope of attracting young families, we have made a commitment to have a true Time for All Ages every week, with content appropriate for elementary schoolchildren.

We surveyed the congregation last spring and are trying to craft services that respond to the needs you expressed.

We try to honor all eight our of principles in various ways. The congregation adopted the the eighth principle in the Spring of 2018, committing us to building a diverse multicultural Beloved Community. One way we do that is by sharing a quotation from a person of color every Sunday. We call this a "BLUU Note." BLUU stands for Black Lives UU.

In the coming months you can look forward to the return of Ritma Codia (two UU musicians who will lead us in a meditative service), a Christmas Eve service, the return of Jewish cultural worker Susan Leviton, a Quaker-inspired service, and much more.

UUG's new website always has a list of the upcoming six or eight services.

Under the leadership of Joanne Nicholson, choir sings twice a month (except for a summer break). We welcome new singers. Currently, we rehearse on Wednesdays at 5:30.