

Ministers Report to the Board - March 2019

Progressive clergy group

Hallelujah! This is finally happening. After a mis-start last year due to lack of clarity and commitment, I have managed to get all the progressive clergy together with a firm commitment and set vision. Our first meeting is March 21. We will be meeting monthly with the purpose of relationship building and seeing where we can work together in the wider Bend community.

Accessibility

Nancy Stevens met with our staff last week to present ideas of how we as a church and staff can better address issues of accessibility. It was a helpful meeting. Nancy felt that we are quite aware as a congregation, and yet there is always more to learn. I also met with the people who are deaf after church last week to see how we are meeting their needs. They are also grateful to the fellowship for our willingness to provide an interpreter each week.

Social Media

Jenn began two extra hours a week working our social media during February. This has increased our Facebook presence and given us a better use of that platform.

New members

Holy smokes! We welcomed 28 new members Sunday. Thanks to Trisha, Chela, and the Membership Team for all their work in bringing these people in.

White Fragility Adult RE

I co-taught two sessions with Lura Reed and JoAnne Lawrence on White Fragility following the Robin DiAngelo talk. The class was attended by about 20 people. The depth of conversation was strong, and the class revealed a need for ongoing work around race here at UUFCO.

Staffing

Eileen informed me last week that she plans to retire at the end of this church year. This is in part as she thought it could be a good time to bring another person in as we hire for Jenn's position. Eileen has been a stalwart backbone of the financial wellbeing of our congregation.

For conversation

Vision and leadership

Staffing

Personnel issue with Patrica Moran