

## **President's Report 2018-2019**

UUCSC has been blessed by yet another wonderful, busy year. As always, we began the Sunday after Labor Day 2018 with smiles, hugs and enthusiasm.

Our ongoing activities got right into gear supporting our beloved community. Committees: Men's 1st Saturday of the month breakfast, Women of Wisdom's 1st Monday of the month luncheon, a Book Group, Dining for Women on 1st Tuesdays and Equal Exchange sales all keep UUCSC rolling along smoothly with business and fun. The Coordinating Council with the very organized Mary Fulton as the facilitator is... coordinating the workings, and increasing the effectiveness of, the committees of the congregation. Our hospitality continues to be extended to three different AA meetings, a Buddhist Sangha, social justice and political gatherings, Gong Baths, music and various performance offerings through Music and More at Lily Pads, as well as groups which rent our wonderfully acoustical Sanctuary. The annual Thanksgiving "Thank You to all volunteers" soup luncheon was well attended. The 3rd annual Holiday Fair is a fundraiser which opens our doors to the South County community. The annual Solstice Labyrinth is a beautiful meditation that offers a peaceful respite from the world. Our Christmas Eve Service is widely thought to be THE Service to attend for glorious Christmas music and Worship. We ended 2018 with our New Year's Eve-ish dance—a fun chance to shake off the stresses of the holiday season.

A few New England Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association workshops have been attended by some of the leaders of our congregation. Circle Pot Lucks have started up again, as have three new Covenant Groups (formerly known as Small Group Ministry). Twenty new members have expanded our Beloved Community, bringing with them much appreciated energy and interests as well as lots of delightful children to swell our ranks and our hearts.

A couple of Board retreats, in September and January, help the Directors on their path to be the most effective facilitators of all that is UUCSC. Actually, everyone at UUCSC presents their very best for the greater good of us all.

May it always be so.  
Blessed be. Ashe.  
Linda Whyte Burrell,  
President