

2018-2019 UUCSC WORSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

UUCSC "guests in the pulpit"

Sept. 30: Martha Niebanck (\$250)
October 7: Raymond Two Hawks Watson (\$100)
October 28: Charlie King (\$250) (JR) (history of protest in US)
November 18: Taylor Polites (JR) (building community)
November 25: David Floyd -- Bread
December 2: Ken Richard -- Meher Baba (JR)
December 30: Linda Whyte Burrell -- Kwanzaa
January 27: Ron Daise (from SC, storyteller \$250) (JR)
February 3: Mary Oliver services, with Lisa Starr and DL (\$100)
Feb. 10: Mary-Kim Arnold (JR) Korean adoptee
February 24: Tracy Hart --pagan practices
March 24: Sally Fritsche (\$250) "An Atheist's Prayer"
April 14: Abel Collins (WA= Amber) about Quakerism
May 26: Rachel Maddox (JR) (about being gender-fluid)
June 2: Music Committee
June 30: Lisa Petrie and Sunrise Movement (environmental)

PAID OUT \$1200* for guests. We paid out \$300 for Soul Matters thematic services and \$150 for special service in June. TOTAL=\$1650. We budgeted \$2100 for next year (2019-20). *Amount based on "stipend" to their charity or a "professional fee." We also budgeted \$400 for summer services.

Members: Rev. David Helfer, Chair Johnnie Rodriguez, Susan Strakosch, Helene Gersuny (half-year), Kathy Swink, Joan Youngken (half-year), Tracy Hart (half-year), Ann Seemann, Mary Iacobbo (half-year); new members are Adria Evans and Paulette Chamberas. Returning member is Amber Collins. [[I engaged 13 guests; I was WA for 6; there were 15 WC services vs. 19 last year]

Plans for 8 summer (2019) services (no fees) are in place, thanks to Ann Seemann. Drawn from the congregation, guests require no fees.

We have worked wisely and well with Rev. David, as he pursued many of our traditional services, such as Christmas Eve Eve, Water Communion, Easter, Bridging, Flower Communion, New Members Ceremony, and others. We've continued to work hard on diversity issues; on making services increasingly worshipful; on getting more of a shared understanding of spiritual vs. religious (aka, tackling the G word); on trying more multigenerational options. Rev. David has brought new ideas and new themes to our worship services.