

January 2021
DRE Board Report

Dear Board Members,

It was nice to have a winter break and completely unplug and relax. I hope all of you had time to rest and restore as well.

We have several new things this month in RE: craft bags, CartUUns and a newly created parent group.

I've been wanting to offer families a bag of craft materials that they can use to create art at home, and this month we've finally done it. So this week families are invited to pick up a bag from the UUCSC front porch and bring them home to create an imaginative sculpture. Then they are invited to share a photo or come to our Zoom call on Sundays to show what they've made. One family got their bag this weekend and were so excited to show off their sculpture on Sunday. I would like to continue to offer this every month as a way for families to stay connected to RE and have another reason to join us on Sundays. I plan to spend more time down in the RE space, organizing and getting acquainted with materials there.

Our Sunday offerings have expanded and evolved and I think it's going to be a good second half of the year together. I will be offering the UU curriculum called CartUUns on the last Sunday of every month and I think it will be fun. I've heard from four families who plan to attend. We will watch a short film together, discuss and make art. And for our parent group, one parent suggested that we meet just once a month, so that all parents know that's the day to come and stay for discussion. Yesterday was our first meeting and four parents came and were very engaged and making plans for subsequent months. They're interested in discussing parenting philosophy and techniques and maybe reading a book together to discuss once a month. So I'm going to put out a parenting topic for each month to discuss and see if the parent who suggested the book club would like to pick the first book.

I'm excited to be expanding into other realms of UUCSC life with worship services, tech support and Soul Matters information for the newsletter. It's been wonderful to be part of services and I'm excited to collaborate with DL for the first Sunday live Zoom services. I also offered to help Michael with some of the technical side of video service production. And it's been wonderful to read through the Soul Matters for small groups and worship and watch/read a bunch of the resource links there to get a broader sense of the theme for each month.

I continue to create the RE newsletter each month and from the analytics on Constant Contact it looks like my video is the most clicked on piece of the newsletter, followed by the picture books. So I'm glad to be getting some feedback this way, and I'll continue to monitor it to see what pieces I may cut out in the future.

Thanks for all you do!
Lee