

2022-2023 UUCSC Worship Committee Annual Report

Adria Evans, Chair.

Members: Amber Collins, Ann Seemann, Kathy Swink, Nancy Richman, Sue Strakosch (plus Rev Denis and Lee Cowen)

UUCSC held 50 Sunday services between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. (July 4th no service; June 26 GA service). Of these, 15 were officiated by members of the Worship Committee, and most included invited speakers. 15 is fewer than in the past because Lee Cowan took on 4 intergenerational services. In addition, members of Worship (and other congregants) have been on the *bima* (Hebrew for the stage area) aiding Rev Denis. Several delivered "Spiritual Reflections."

In addition, Worship has organized and maintained Virtual Ushers to host our services via zoom. This was possible due to the technical experimentation and persistence of Rev Denis and Nancy Richman and to Kathy Swink's soliciting congregants and WC members to be Virtual Ushers. The tech challenges and glitches persist and keep us inventive and humble.

Producing our services also includes publicity through the newsletter and the website and organizing the Order of Service for that week.

Our main goal is to continue to create meaningful experiences for the congregation.

Challenges. As we face the summer (and for Christmas and the New Year), one challenge is to have music for some of the services. With Michael and the choir on vacation, we have to seek musicians out and often decide about their selections. I WOULD LIKE an operating group of music people to actively join in our creation. Also, though we would like some outdoor services, this entails rounding up folks to move tables, some chairs, and hymnals; again there's extra labor in that endeavor. It also would be helpful to have more folks competent as Virtual Ushers.

Our Joys: Our sustained rapport with Rev Denis, Michael, and Lee. Our budget, which allows us to support speakers. That folks from Facilities and Membership keep our Sundays comfortable and friendly. Publicity help from Etta and Sara who produce the newsletter and update our home page each week.

We could use another active member.

Respectfully submitted,
Adria Evans, Chair, May 25, 2023