

Key Activities



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

December

- **Attended** first meeting of the **#MeToo Task Force** 11/28/2017
- **Collected** and distributed background info on **#MeToo** for service and Task Force.
- **Attended Saul Haffner's** Memorial Service 11/30/2017
- **Wrote Up Notes** on the What We Sing is Who We Are workshop and shared with Worship Associates and others.
- **Prepared and distributed Info** on the Women and Religion 40th Anniversary for TUCW ♀.
- **Collected and shared** information on the organization and experiences of UU coffee houses in West Hartford, Hastings, NY and Marblehead, MA.
- **Participated in Special Projects Choir** Annual Christmas Concert 12/10/2017
- **Prepared and delivered Thank You** card and gift for Hassan & the Youth Group
- **Prepared ZOOM** BOT meeting on special Anniversary project funding.
- **Volunteered at Jewelry Sale** 12/3/2017.
- **Curated collection** of season's readings for Senior's Group in MA congregation
- **Participated in TUCW Women's Group** ♀ Brown Bag Lunch 12/17 and discussion of #MeToo Service.
- **TUCW Bulletin Board:** removed the June 2017 Minutes and posted current minutes and other materials related to BOT
- **Attended Voices Café** Suzanne Sheridan Concert 12/15.
- **Prepared Agenda** for December BOT meeting.
- **Prepared materials, reports, packet items and education session** for December BOT Meeting.

I write this as we prepare to light the first candle on the Menorah(s). Our tree has been up since December 1st – the day Paul's brother arrived for his first visit with us in 25 years. Our son Jake and grand-twins Abigail and Josie will arrive on December 28th and in between we have all manner of singing –choirs at church plus the Serendipity Chorale - entertaining, being entertained, baking cookies and frying latkes, plus my personal commitment to send text messages to 100 Alabama Democrats to remind them to vote for Doug Jones. December is always crazy busy, this one just seems more so.

Board work got a short shrift – from all of us. We discussed our Board Portfolios and sharing the work between meetings when we met in June. But more than a few balls have been dropped since then. Our commitment to host linkage events with the congregation made in August at our Retreat, and last month's plans for inviting congregants to our December 17th Coffee Chats have lacked follow through. We have some recommitting to do when we meet this month!

The congregation is a hive – or rather many hives –of activity. The TUCW ♀ have had two potlucks (29 and 35 attended), and two Brown Bag Lunches. There is a new Task Force on #MeToo and plans are being made to organize for the January 2018 March in NYC. There is a new Men's Group too. The Leadership Development Task Force delivered on their promised Photo Directory – a product far superior to what Olan Mills does for a whole lot more money and trouble! The Jewelry Sale brought in more than \$4500 – best ever, and cards are being exchanged between adult congregants and children in Faith Development Classes, choirs are singing, preachers preaching, groups meeting, planners planning big things for 2018. All healthy signs.

We have also sustained a loss of great significance -- Denny Davidoff -- leader, mentor, role model, inspiration and so much more during her 50 plus years in this congregation. From Sunday School teacher to chairing the Women's Federation, the Board in the 1990s and serving as Board Clerk from 2008 – 2015. She served our congregation as she served the larger UU movement. We are who we are today because she was part of the building of our community.

The good news of December is in the Hanukkah metaphor of the oil. When it seems certain we're going to run out, we miraculously have enough to keep us going.

Lynda