



UUSD Current Volunteer Opportunities – 6/2/24

Consider the benefit of getting to know the USSD community better through our volunteer opportunities. Sharing your time and gifts will leave you nourished as service becomes a spiritual practice.

Adult Faith Exploration Committee

- **Responsibilities:** AFE develops and delivers adult classes, some of which are open to the public. The teachers are members of the congregation and invited speakers who want to explore thought-provoking topics.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Help design and execute our emerging program of adult classes. We invite you to join our committee to help foster the spiritual growth of our community.
- **Contact:** AdultFaithExp@uussd.org

Audio/Visual Systems & Operations Team

- **Responsibilities:** The AV Team is responsible for providing sound and PowerPoint or film projection for special events - other than Sunday.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Help set-up and operate AV equipment.
- **Contact:** AVTeam@uussd.org

Children's Faith Exploration Committee

- **Responsibilities:** CFE supports the work of the Director of Faith Exploration for Children and Youth who plans CFE programming that fosters spiritual growth.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
 - Committee Members – The committee meets the first Thursday of every other month from Sept-June at 6:30 PM via zoom.
 - Assist with childcare for the Family Covenant meetings from 5:00-7:00 on some Saturdays.
- **Contact:** ChildrensFaithExp@uussd.org

Communications Committee

Communications continues to need additional members to keep our growing congregation informed. If you enjoy spreading good news and working with wonderful people, we'd love to talk to you!

- **Responsibilities:** Coordinate and develop all communication vehicles that inform the congregation and the larger community about UUSD's vision, mission, and activities.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
 - **Join the Publications Team.** Help with the layout and production of the weekly Beacon newsletter.
 - **Join the Graphics Team.** Design flyers, icons for use in publications, and brochures.
 - **Join the Photo Team.** Capture photos of children during Children's Faith Exploration classes or take photos at various UUSD events and activities. We need additional photographers and people who can post process images.
 - **Join the Website Team.** Post photos, short meeting announcements, and documents.
 - **Join the Social Media Team.** Prepare activity, event, and inspirational posts for Facebook and Instagram.
 - **Join the Publicity Team.** Serve as a backup to prepare press releases and public service announcements.
 - **Join the Copyediting Team.** Be a backup copyeditor for UUSD publications.
- **Contact:** Aela Mass, Chair, at Communications@uussd.org. The committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. All meetings and work sessions are held on Zoom.

Denominational Affairs

- **Responsibilities:** Denominational Affairs (DA) is responsible for linkage (both ways) between the UUA Eastern Region (ER) and the UUA National. This entails some specific duties and duties that come up from time to time. It is DA's specific responsibility to keep the congregation and its leaders informed about pertinent activities in the UU wider world. DA promotes regional and national meetings and assemblies. As part of these endeavors DA recruits for and forwards nominations to the Board for UUA East Region Delmarva Cluster Representatives and UUA General Assembly (GA) delegates. In addition, DA facilitates the East Region's Chalice Lighters program.

Of special note, this year DA is introducing to the congregation information about proposed changes to Article 2 of the UUA bylaws (our UUA Principles reside in this article). Next year, 2024 DA will do the same with the rest of the UUA's bylaws.

- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Become a member of Denominational Affairs
- **Contact:** Mac Goekler, DA Chair at denomaffairs@uussd.org

Helping Hands

- **Responsibilities:** Members assist lay Pastoral Associates in helping church members who may need some short-term ad-hoc assistance.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** As needed, prepare and deliver a meal or two and/or help a church member with a ride (to a doctor or physical therapy appointment) by volunteering with Helping Hands.
- **Contact:** Gail Hecky at gail.hecky@gmail.com or Michele Cavanaugh at pondsview145@yahoo.com

Kitchen

The kitchen team will be changing leaders at the end of June and is looking to increase members so that each person doesn't need to be there every Sunday. If we get enough people to join, we can set a schedule so that you will only need to be helping maybe twice a month. The kitchen needs you!

- **Responsibilities:** Sets up refreshments for Social Time after Sunday service, manages the supplies for both Sunday service and special events.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
 - Committee Members – join the committee to support the weekly Social Time and meet new people!
- **Contact:** Anne Pikolas, Chair through 6/30/24 or Karen Kreiser, Chair beginning 7/1/24 at kitchenteam@uussd.org

Finance Committee

- **Responsibilities:** The Finance Committee supports the vision and mission of UUSD and works with the UUSD Treasurer to ensure a solid financial foundation to help the congregation flourish. Subcommittees include Cloud Society (Planned Legacy Giving) and The Pledge Team.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Seeking committee members with basic budgeting, planning, financial knowledge who are creative, friendly and innovative. (We don't need CPAs) Just some basic accounting knowledge and digital systems understanding.
- **Contact:** Bobbe Baggio, Chair through 6/30/24 or Dara Schumaier, Chair beginning 7/1/24, at Finance@uussd.org

FUNdraising Committee

FUNdraising is in real need of additional members to help conduct our annual Auction and Craft Fair while having FUN! If you enjoy planning and working events while meeting great people, we want to talk with you!

- **Responsibilities:** FUNdraising is responsible for raising funds in support of the annual operations budget for our beloved community--while having FUN. There are two main fundraising events. The Craft Fair takes place in November, and the Auction takes place in April/May.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
 - **Crafting.** Crafters and helpers work on group crafts chosen for the Annual Craft Fair or on your own crafts. Someone to lead small groups of crafters and come up with ideas for crafts. Crafting sessions begin in January and are held monthly through the end of September and then bi-weekly until the Craft Fair begins in early October.
 - **Auction support** – Looking for volunteers to co-Chair the Annual Auction! Love making a difference while having fun? Consider co-Chairing this amazing event!
- **Contact:** Beth Law or Gwen Johnson, Co-chairs through 6/30/24 at FUNdraising@uussd.org
Craft Fair Contacts: Dar Sellers and Nancy Commisso
Auction Contacts: THIS COULD BE YOU!!!

Landscape Committee

- **Responsibilities:** Landscape is the subcommittee of Property Management responsible for the maintenance of the garden beds and trees on the UUSD property as well as planning for future landscape projects.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
 - Help plan and maintain the garden beds (with hired labor for heavy work).
 - Work on long-range plans for a Memorial Area in the woods near the pond.
 - Help develop a long-range property use plan for UUSD.
 - Join us for monthly meetings 2nd Monday at 1pm at UUSD.

- **Contact:** Linda DeFeo and Margaret Keefe, Co-Chairs through 6/30/24 or Karin Westermann, Chair beginning 7/1/24 at LandscapeTeam@uussd.org

Membership Committee

- **Responsibilities:** Welcomes all who come through our doors for a Sunday service; arranges for greeters and ushers for Sunday services, and follows up with letters, emails, or phone calls if needed; sponsors events to help visitors, friends, and new members get to know UUSD better and become involved in the life of the congregation; introduces new members to the congregation through posting their photos and brief bios.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Greet people or serve as ushers for Sunday morning services; keep in touch with visitors and new members; if needed, assist the photo team in capturing photos of our new members; interview new members for publication in the Beacon at the Beach; help plan New Member Welcoming Ceremonies and other events to help people feel part of our UUSD community.
- **Contact:** Barbara Barnette, Chair, Membership@uussd.org

Property Management Committee

Property Management is in real need of additional members to support our efforts. If you enjoy hands on work with great people, we want to talk with you!

- **Responsibilities:** PMC manages all aspects of the UUSD facility – maintenance, repair, improvements, utilities, service contracts, etc. PMC must react to immediate needs while planning for ongoing costs and staying within an allocated budget. PMC manages Kitchen, A/V, Landscaping and Energy subcommittees.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** PMC’s mission is essential, but membership is all volunteers, so need for communication and redundancy is ongoing. Opportunities are – learning building systems and helping with operation/maintenance, reacting to immediate needs, managing service calls, assisting with PMC communications (e.g. minutes, reports, notices), strategic documentation of “Facility Operation”.
- **Contact:** Gary Schmidt, Chair, PropMgmt@uussd.org

Safer Congregation Committee

- **Responsibilities:** Our charge is to review and develop procedures that keep our community safe. We review practice and procedures to deal with natural disasters, i.e., flood hurricanes, etc.; and internal and external threats to the community, such as fires, illness or accident, and vandalism or hostile intrusion. We review and update UUSD’s Emergency Response Manual. We work closely with Membership Committee to revise the roles and responsibilities of our Greeters and Ushers. We hold trainings and drills as needed.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** We are a small committee of 6 people as well as our Safety Response Volunteer team of 8+ volunteers. We welcome visitors who may be interested in joining our committee.
- **Contact:** Ruth Lamothe, Chair, SaferCongregation@uussd.org

Social & Environmental Justice Committee

- **Responsibilities:** To inform and educate congregation members and the public in areas of social concern; to find ways and means to rectify social injustices; to sponsor and support groups organized to deal with social problems; and to develop informed leaders to foster a just and peaceful world.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
 - Sign up for email list and respond to advocacy alerts.
 - Join the Committee (meets 1st Tuesdays at 6:30) to help prioritize and plan our work.
 - Serve as point person for one of UUSD’s priorities (in the Resolution of Conscience): Economic Justice; Environmental Justice; Immigrant & Refugee Justice; LGBTQ+ issues; Racial Justice; Peacemaking; Women, Family, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Justice.
 - Participate in/help organize special events such as rallies, food packaging, post card writing campaigns.
- **Contact:** Susan or Mac Goekler, Co-Chairs, SocialJustice@uussd.org

UUSD Cares

- **Responsibilities:** To help build community both within UUSD and outside of UUSD, while helping our community and having fun! The Committee plans and holds Giving Parades, Potlucks, and other events, often in conjunction with other committees. We always welcome new members!
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
 - Come join in the fun and meet wonderful people!
 - Join the Committee to help prioritize and plan our work.
 - Help host an event.
- **Contact:** UUSDcares@uussd.org