



## UUSD Current Volunteer Opportunities – 1/19/24

*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, most 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.
- **Contact:** [AdultFaithExp@uussd.org](mailto: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](mailto:AVTeam@uussd.org)

### **Children's Faith Exploration Committee**

- **Responsibilities:** CFE supports the work of the Children's Faith Exploration Director who plans CFE programming that fosters spiritual growth.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
  - Committee Members – The committee meets the first Thursday of every month 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](mailto:ChildrensFaithExp@uussd.org)

### **Communications Committee**

**Communications is in real need of additional members to keep our growing congregation informed! If you enjoy spreading good news, working with wonderful people, and have any skills listed below or the interest in learning, 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 through: **Publications** including the weekly *eNews*, Sunday service reminders, and eBlasts; **Publicity** for UUSD events and activities in the local media; Outreach to the public and congregation through the **Website** ([uussd.org](http://uussd.org)) and **Social Media**; work of the **Photo Team** in capturing photos and preparing slide show videos to tell UUSD stories; creative **Graphic Design** to promote activities and events; and **Copy Editing** to assure accuracy of information and style. (Communications Committee Teams are in bold.)
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
  - **Join the Publications Team.** Computer proficiency needed. Knowledge of MailChimp not required.
  - **Join the Graphics Team.** Design flyers, icons for use in publications, and brochures. Previous graphic design software experience helpful.
  - **Join the Photo Team.** Take photos of children during Children's Faith Exploration classes or take photos at various UUSD events and activities.
  - **Join the Website Team.** Post photos, short meeting announcements, and documents.
  - **Join the Social Media Team.** Prepare activity, event, and inspirational posts.
  - **Join the Publicity Team.** Prepare press releases and public service announcements.
  - **Join the Copy Editing Team.** Copy edit UUSD publications.
- **Contact:** Sue Brown or Alleane Taylor, Acting Co-Chairs at [Communications@uussd.org](mailto: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). In 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@uusd.org](mailto:DenomAffairs@uusd.org)

### ***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 [KitchenTeam@uusd.org](mailto:KitchenTeam@uusd.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, at [Finance@uusd.org](mailto:Finance@uusd.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.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**
  - **Setup/Cleanup** – Whenever FUNdraising sponsors an event at UUSD, we need help with setup and cleanup.
  - **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** – Work with the committee to carry out the annual auction April 28 – May 4, 2024. We need helpers on a few Sundays after church accepting donations from members and friends of auction items; taking items from church to Beth's garage for storage and photos; and collecting donations from local businesses.
- **Contact:** Beth Law or Gwen Johnson, Co-chairs at [FUNdraising@uusd.org](mailto:FUNdraising@uusd.org)

### ***Landscape Committee***

- **Responsibilities:** Under the umbrella of the Property Management Committee, Landscape manages the garden beds and trees on the UUSD property, as well as planning for future landscape features.
- **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 1pm at UUSD.
- **Contact:** Linda DeFeo and Margaret Keefe, Co-Chairs, at [LandscapeTeam@uusd.org](mailto:LandscapeTeam@uusd.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 eNews; 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](mailto:Membership@uussd.org)

#### ***Property Management Committee***

- **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](mailto: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 the 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- **Contact:** Susan or Mac Goekler, Co-Chairs, [SocialJustice@uussd.org](mailto:SocialJustice@uussd.org)