

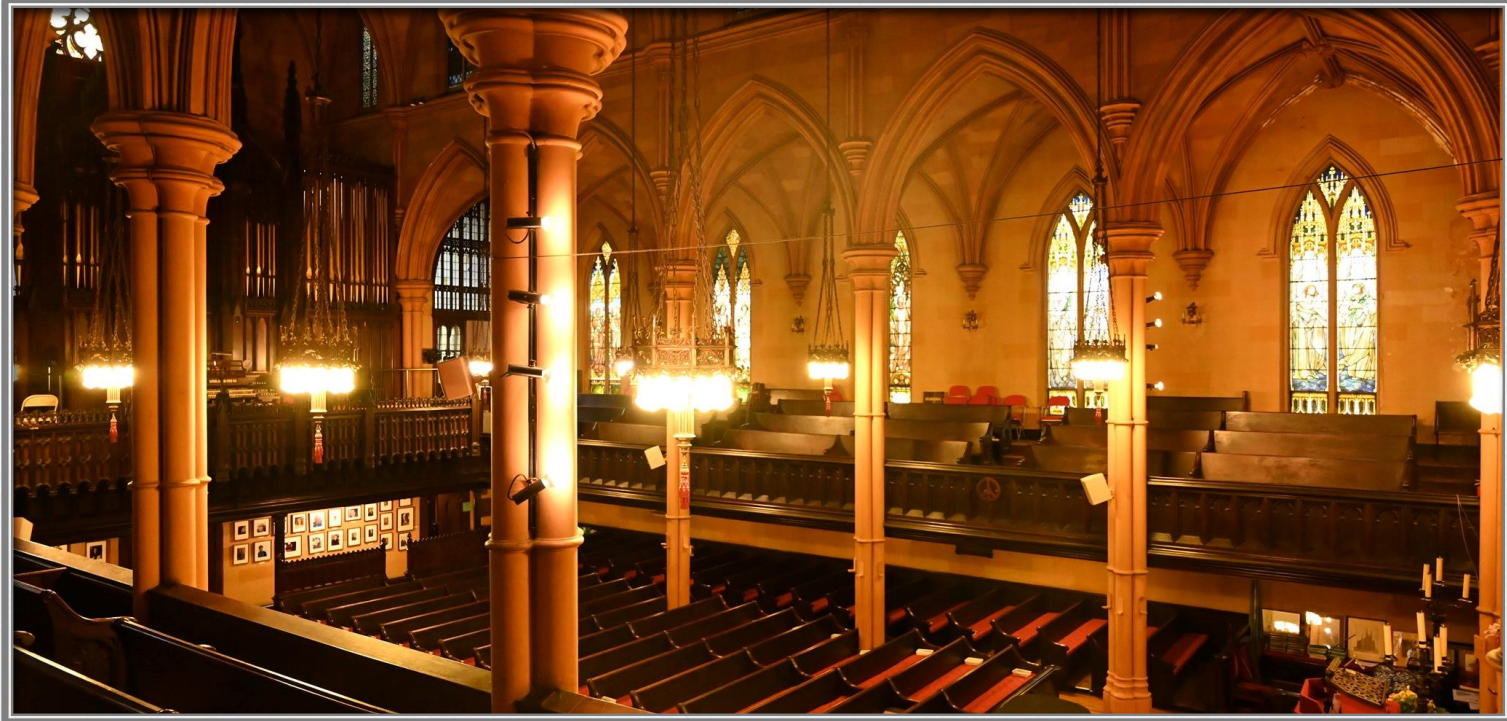


Welcome!

2020 State of the Congregation

The First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn
is a joyful, loving, religious community
that inspires and empowers people to
Grow spiritually, Care for one another, and
Work for social justice and stewardship of the earth.

May 17, 2020



Opening Words

Rev. Michael J. Crumpler

Suggestions for Enjoyment of Today's Meeting



Use Speaker View



We are using a Power Point presentation – adjust the size of the “slides” for your viewing preference



Please stay muted – we can answer questions at the end of the meeting



Feel free to turn off your camera if you're more comfortable not being seen



Use the chat thoughtfully

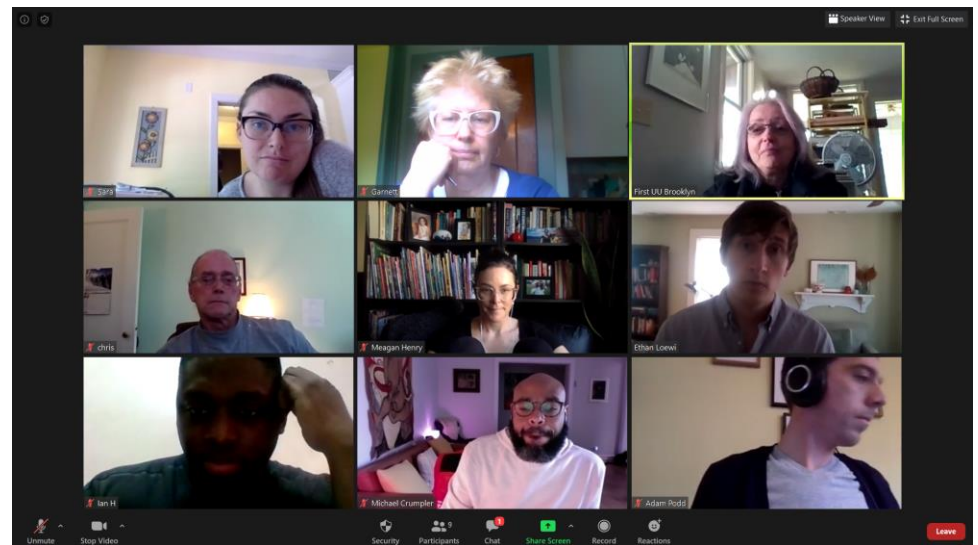


Today's Agenda

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- Reports of:
 - Garnett Losak - Director of Congregational Life
 - Rev. Michael J. Crumpler – Sabbatical Minister
 - Meagan Henry – Director of Education & Family Ministry
 - Sara Gush – Women's Leadership Alliance Seminarian
 - Adam Podd – Music Director
 - Ethan Loewi - Intern Minister
 - Christopher Johnson – Director of Facilities
 - Sam McKelvie & Dawn Elane Reed – Board Co-Presidents

Director of Congregational Life Report

Garnett Losak



Administration



All Administrative duties can be accomplished from home offices



Chris Johnson handling mail, building safety



Wendy or Garnett handling bank deposits weekly



Two Zoom accounts

Committees, groups

Worship and programming

CARES Act Economic Relief Plan



Good
News!

\$108,600

Worship in the Time of Coronavirus

According to Pew Research:

- 24% of Americans report that their Faith has grown stronger since the pandemic began.
- As of March 20th 85% of congregations were not conducting in person worship services
- Congregations with membership in the 200-500 range saw increased “attendance” of 24% in the first weeks of on-line worship

Virtual Worship at First Unitarian

- Zoom
 - Upgraded account to 500 logins
 - 150+ Logins most weeks
- Facebook
 - 50+ viewers, plus additional viewing after live worship
- Since before Easter
 - 44 requests for Zoom link
 - 25 E-News sign ups
 - Increased participation on Facebook



Communications

- Twice weekly E-news (1,506 Subscribers)
 - Monday morning for weekly programming
 - Saturday morning for information about worship includes the Order of Service
- Facebook (1,600 followers) and growing
 - Livestream of May 10th worship service
 - Reach – 816, Engagements – 389, Comments – 62
- Google Business (as of 5/14, previous 28 days)
 - 70 Reviews, 4.7 average (out of 5)
 - Clicked through to website – 83
 - Viewed pictures – 993
 - Most popular time: 11:00AM on Sunday!
- Instagram – (266 Followers)
- Twitter – Still Evolving

Join Us for Summer Worship

- June 14: Juneteenth - Weaving Social Justice
- June 21: Pride – Queer Caucus
- June 29: General Assembly Live Stream
- July 5: Andrea Parkinson
- July 12: Samantha Waller
- July 19: Alan Kone
- July 26: Immigrant Solidarity
- August 2: Cybele Raver
- August 9: Abby Grosslein
- August 16: 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage - Women's Leadership Alliance
- August 23: Ethan Loewi, Intern Minister
- August 30: Amit Mehta
- September 6: Christopher Johnson, Director of Facilities

Schedule in subject to change



2020 General Assembly

- Virtual Meeting
- First U Delegates are Coordinating Representation
- Open to all. Registration \$150
- Naomi Klein – Ware Lecturer
- Sunday Worship Live Stream

Membership

Fiscal Year 19-20

- Welcomed 16 people into membership
- 6 members deceased
- Additional loss of membership due to life changes
- Current membership - 279



Celebrating
Milestone
Membership
Anniversaries

10 Years

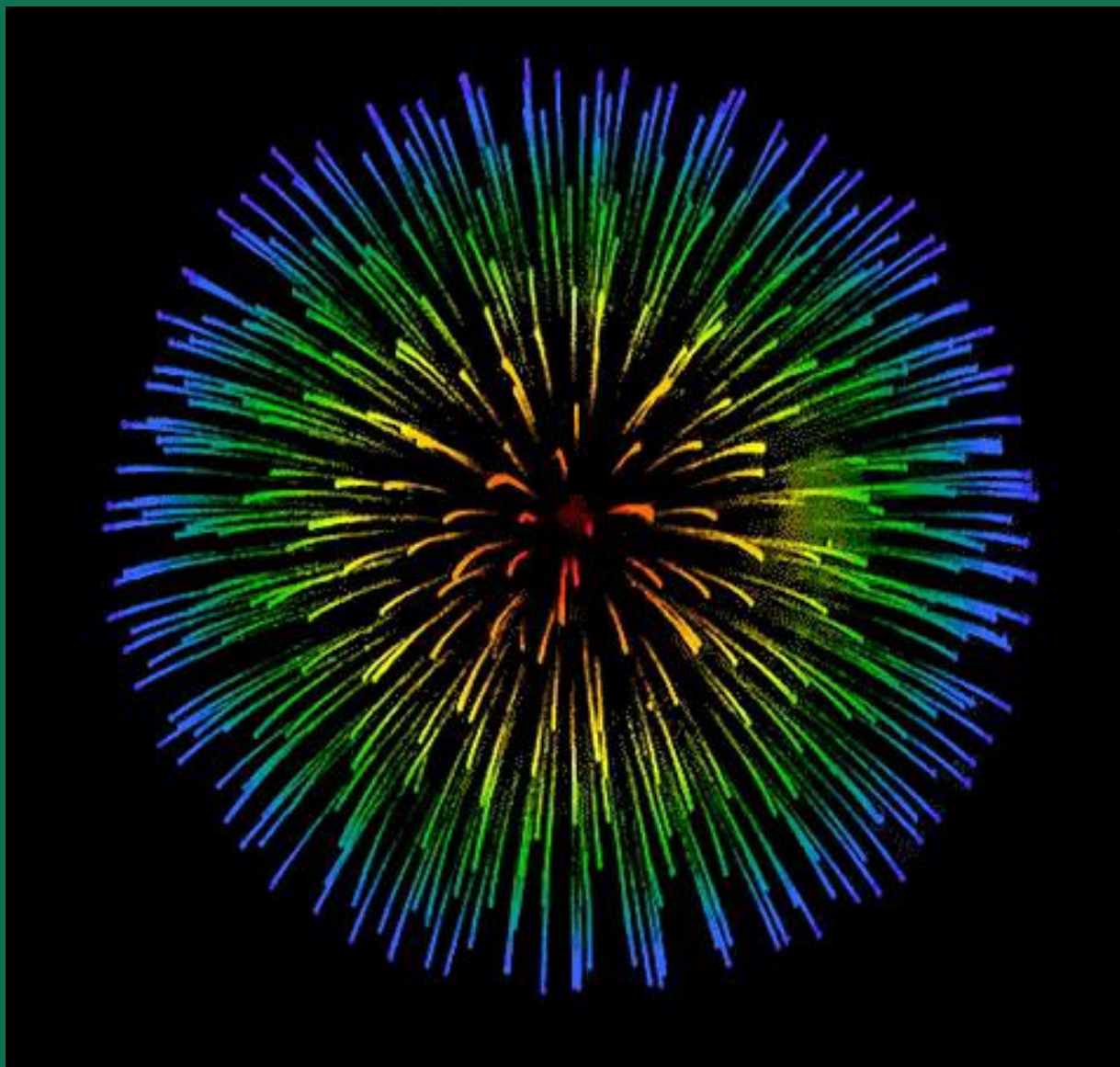
- Kirsten DeFur
- Diana Lu
- Justin Parkinson
- Andrea Parkinson

25 Years

- Michele Ascione
- Carolyn McIntyre
- Michael White

Celebrating
60 Years of
Membership!

Margaret Von Muller
March 27, 1960



Membership Going Forward

- On-Line Process
 - Welcome Card
 - Intent to Join
 - Pledge form
- Virtual membership book
- June 9th welcome ceremony during on-line worship
- Dates will be recorded with actual signatures at a later date
- Ready for Membership? Contact me!

Staying Connected

M-F 11:00AM
Check-ins

Events for Families
and Children

Musical
Meditations

Evening Events

Virtual Fellowship
hour

Thursday Evening
Prayer Service

Committee/Group
Organized Events



Garnett's Programs

- Thursday Check-in
- Wednesday Evening Dinner
- Prayer Service
- Always available to talk

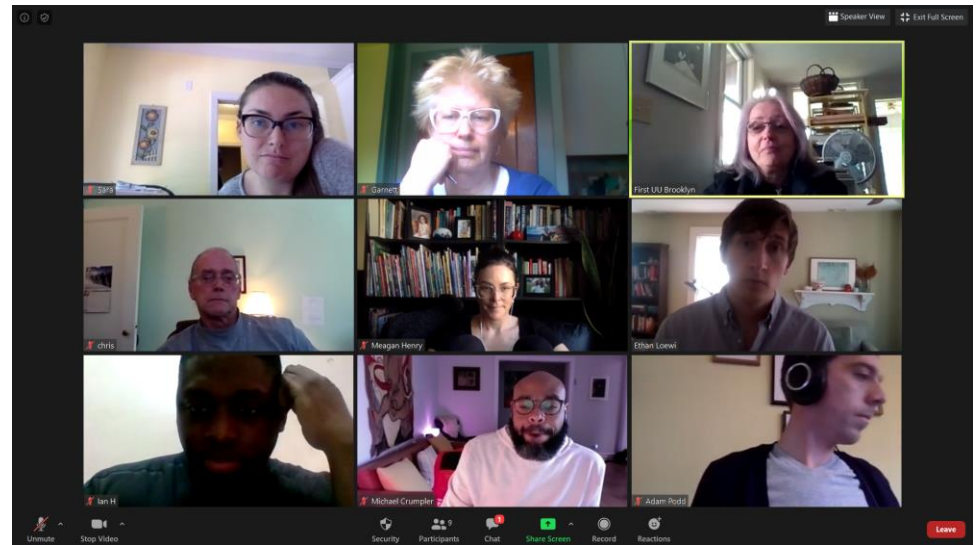


To Our Terrific Bookkeeper
Wendy Russell

Thank you!

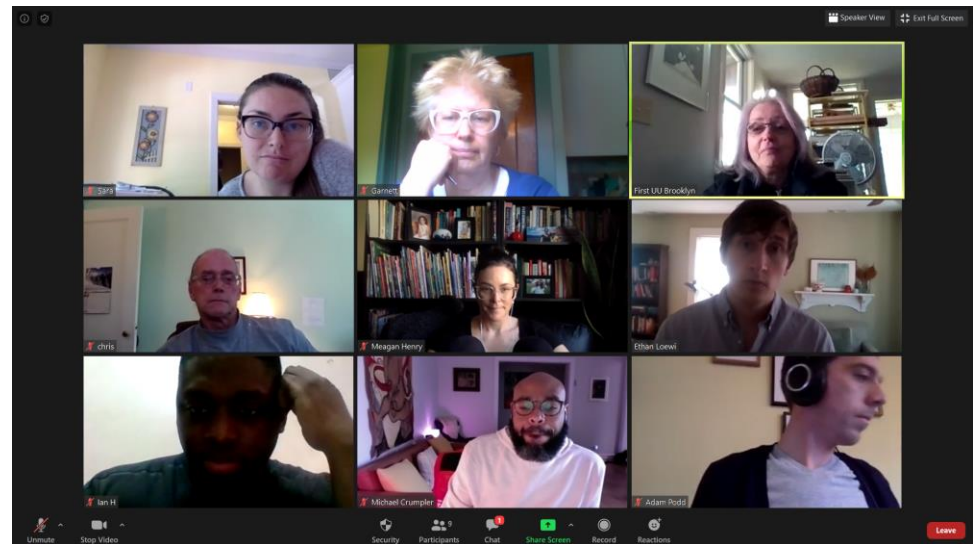
Sabbatical Minister's Report

Rev. Michael J.
Crumpler



Director of Education & Family Ministry Report

Meagan Henry



Family Ministry

- Monthly Single Parents Covenant Group
- Sunday afternoon programming for children and youth
 - 4th Grade
 - 6th Grade
 - Jr. High Youth Group
 - High School Youth Group
- Tuesday/Thursday bedtime story
- Religious Education Council Meets Monthly
 - Easter Party!

Minister's
Discretionary
Fund

- Current Balance - \$12,000. Thank You!
- Emergency grants up to \$500 are available
- Fund is in well-positioned to support members in need into the fall.
- Thank you to everyone who has donated so generously!

Planning Ahead

- Summer pastoral care for families
- Administration of the MDF until Ana's return
- Fall programming?
- Preparing for second year of Seminary
- Change is Inevitable



Life Cycle Events

We Said Farewell to:

- Larry Calia (6/10/19)
- Al Blanco (11/10/19)



We Said Farewell to:

- Sally Ellis (3/16/20)
- Jim Gunning (4/2/20)



We Said Farewell to:

- Kathy Sonderman (4/13/20)
- Olive Hoogenboom (4/17/20)



We Said Farewell to:

Rod McFarlin

(4/28/20)



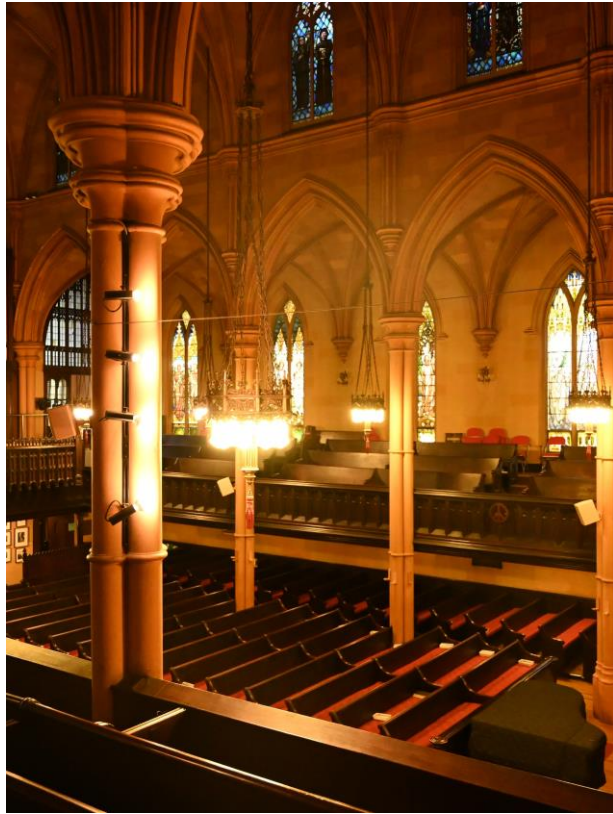
Deaths of Loved Ones

- Earline Shabki, Eva Van Dok Pinkley's mother
- James Gunn, father of Patrick Gunn
- Nancy Bennett, grandmother of Megan Munroe
- Lionel Traubman, father of Eleanor Traubman
- Ann Loeb, cousin of Eleanor Traubman
- Julee Merrill Csuri, mother of Merrill Csuri
- Dorothy Seiberling, aunt of Mary Huhn



Baby Blessings

- Vincent Rogers
(February 2, 2020)
Child of Candice
Helfand-Rogers &
Kyron Rogers
- John & Eleanor
Dickenson
(December 1, 2019)
Children of
Elizabeth Kennedy
& David Dickenson



Births

- Margaret Michael – Child of Rachel Michael
- Leon Herekles Sterginopoulos - Child of Amanda & George Sterginopoulos



Weddings

- Lauren Webb & Thomas Quesenberry
September 29, 2019
- Elizabeth & James Ellis
October 13, 2019
- Kevin & Francisco Podd
February 24, 2020



Thank you!

To our
Dedicated Childcare Staff
Stacey Anderson
Elizabeth D'eterville

WLA Seminarian Report

Sara Gush



Music Director Report

Adam Podd



First Unitarian Music Program

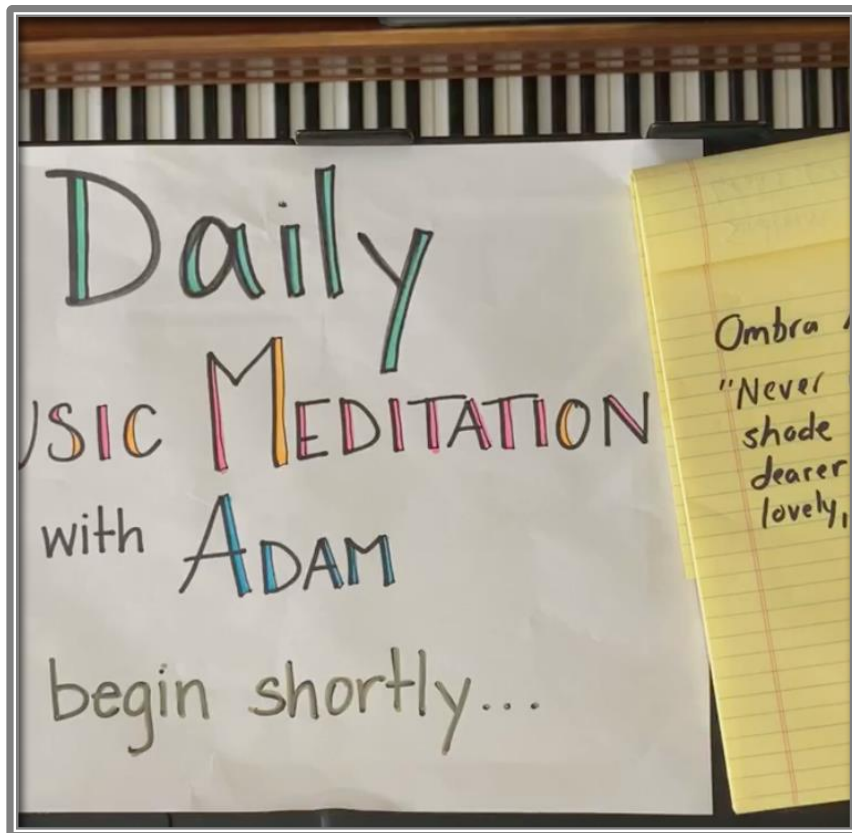
- Our amazing choir at almost every single Sunday morning worship service.
- Monthly Jazz Services with a full band, supported by Julie McKinney Music fund
- New and improved Jazz Sundays for All Ages





First Unitarian Music Program

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Raised over \$15,000 for New and Improved Sound System.



First Unitarian Music Program Post COVID

- Weekday live musical meditations, 45 live streams, and counting
- Special thanks to Tyrone Davis Jr., Dan Emino, and our section leaders - Candice, Dennis, Brandon, and Kiena for their contributions

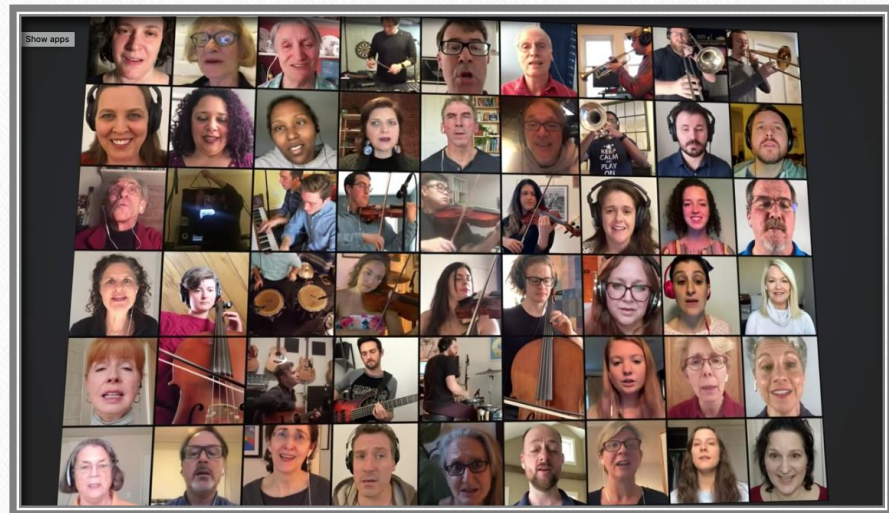
First Unitarian Music Program – Adam's New Job

- Programming music for the new format
- Guest musicians
- learning what works with the new medium.



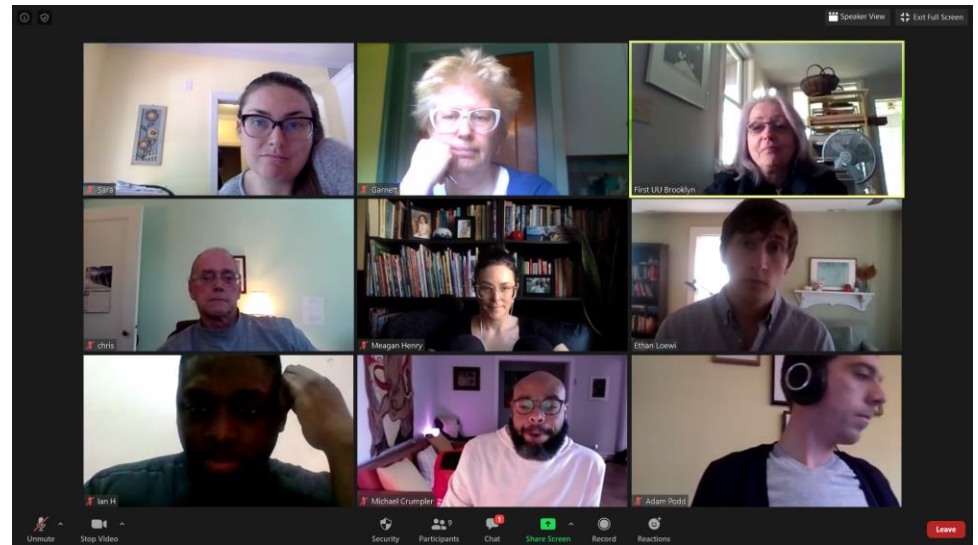
Virtual Choir

- 30,000+ YouTube views
- 140 Singers & Musicians, Featuring
 - First Unitarian Choir
 - First Presbyterian choir
 - Grace Chorale



Intern Minister Report

Ethan Loewi



Director of Facilities Report

Christopher Johnson





Major Projects

- 50 Monroe Place Window Repair
- Library Ceiling Repair
- Sanctuary Vestibule



Before/After



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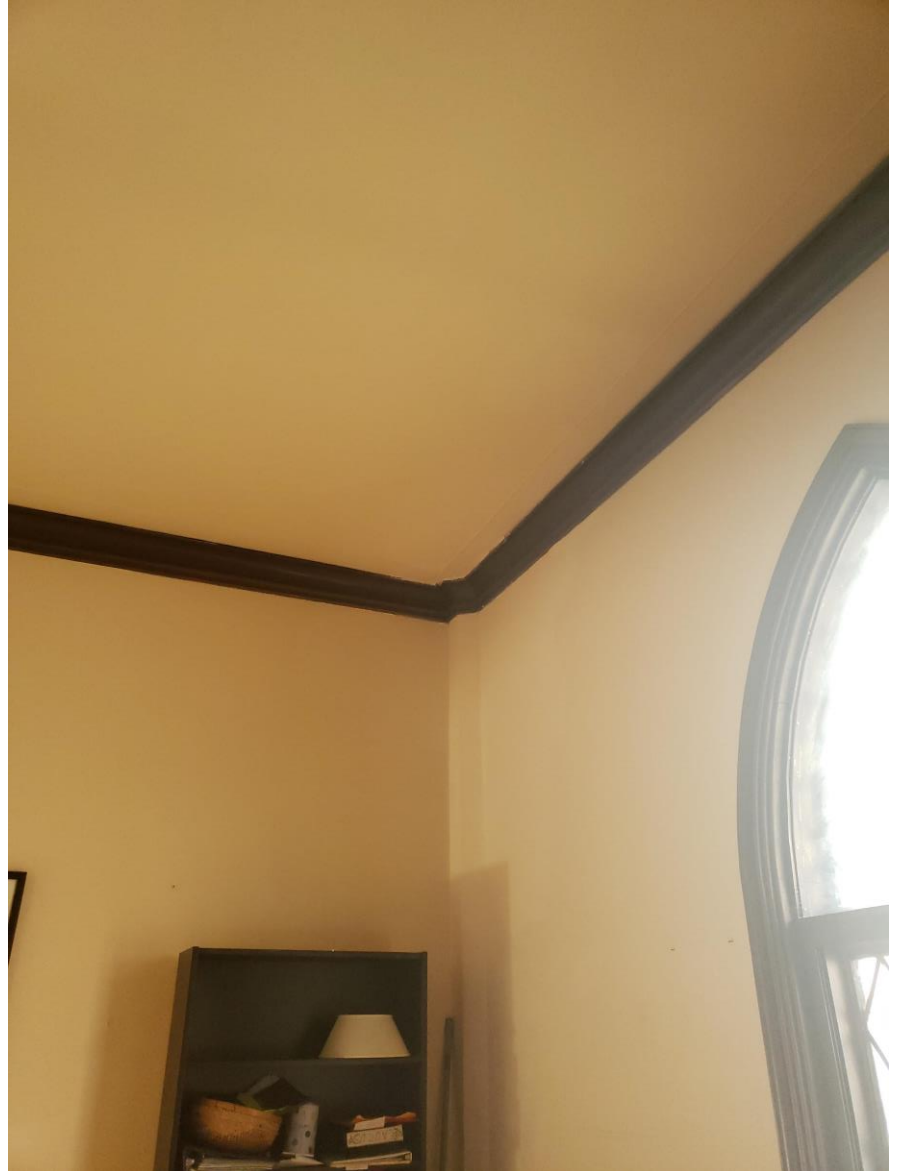


Vestibule Repair in Progress



Sanctuary Vestibule – Paint, Plaster

Library Ceiling Repair



Terrific Building Staff

- Ian Hurt
- Bobby Blackman





Board Co-President's Report

Dawn Elane Reed

Sam McKelvie

Fiscal Year
20-21
Stewardship



Fiscal Year 20-21

Financial Stewardship

- \$290,000 Received so far (78% to the goal)
- 147 Families turned in pledge forms. 60 to go
- Average increase – 9.5%
- Pledges of any amount are received with gratitude
- Online pledge form can be found in the e-news, on the website or by contacting Garnett Losak (garnett@fuub.org)

John
Pritchard -
\$111,000

Larry Calia -
\$17,000

Bequests Received

Funds deposited
into investment
account

**First Unitarian
Tea Time or
Cocktail Hour
Auction**

With Music by:

**THE
BEATLES**

Featuring

ADAM PODD

Saturday, May 30th, 4:00PM

All Welcome

- Donations of Services and Adventures especially needed (Think Zoom!)
- On-Line Silent Auction will open Sunday, May 24th at 12:00PM and conclude on Sunday, May 31st at 1:00PM.
- Virtual tickets available now on Brown Paper Tickets (see the e-news or Facebook event)

Trustee Nominees

For the Board of Trustees

Class of 2023

- Megan Munroe
- Andrea Parkinson
- Matt Robinson



Outgoing Trustees:

Dawn Elane Reed
(Co-President)

Dale Ho

Laurel Lesio-Eisenstadt



Leadership Development Committee Nominees

Class of 2022

- Catalina Bertani (2nd Term)
- Laurel Lesio-Eisenstadt
- Laura Manos-Hey (2nd Term)

Class of 2021

- Patrick Gunn
- June Wohlhorn



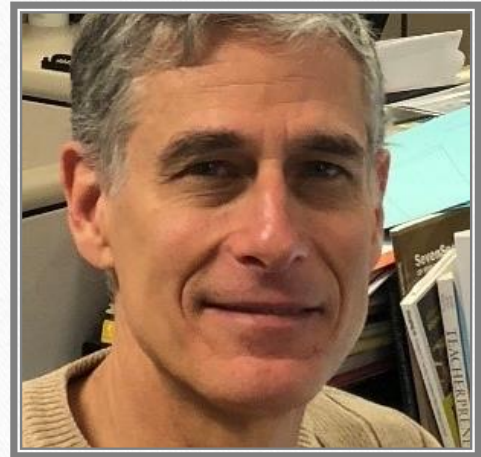
Outgoing LDC Member:

Sean Fischer



Clerk & Moderator

- Bruce Wilde (3rd Term)
- Mike Alcoff (2nd Term)



Outgoing Treasurer:
Lake Wise



Looking Forward

- Budget Forums
 - May 27th, 6:30PM
 - May 31st, Following Worship
- Ask Questions
- Be Part of the Process
- Educate Yourself ahead of the Annual Meeting

Looking Forward

Annual Meeting - June 14th

Following Worship

- Elect Board, Leadership Development Committee & Officers
- Adopt the Budget
- Members – must have submitted pledge form to vote

Looking Forward

Return to the Sanctuary?

Welcome Ana – Mid-August

Capital Reserve Fund



Thank You To Rev. Michael

June 6th – last preaching date

Available for Pastoral Care through
end of June

This is Farewell, never Goodbye!

THANK
YOU!