

Boone Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Program Committee Annual Report, July 2020-June 2021

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In FY 2020-2021, the program committee planned 53 services, all held online over Zoom. Our quarterly themes straddled the fiscal year, so in July through September 2020 we followed the theme, “Journeys toward Love: Empathy and Acceptance” and in October 2020 began using lines from a beloved hymn for inspiration: “Wake Now My Conscience” (October, November, December), “Wake Now My Reason” (January, February, March), “Wake Now My Senses” (April, May, June), ending with “Wake Now My Vision” in July, August, and September.

An inventory of the year’s services classified by aspects of the Seven Principles shows the diversity of our topics:

Quarter	BUUF Community	Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person	Justice, Equity, and Compassion	Nature & the interdependent Web	Search for Truth	Spiritual Growth	World Communi- ty with peace, liberty, and justice for all
2020 July, August, September	2	4	3			2	1
2020 October, November, December	3	2	2			6	1
2021 January, February, March	1	3	3	1	3	2	
2021 April, May, June	2	2	3	4		1	
Total	8	11	11	5	3	11	2

Being online offered the advantage of hosting many speakers from across the state and country, including Sandra Oldendorf from Wyoming, nationally-known author and activist Gene Nichol from Raleigh, and the Rev. Kim Mason of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis. Drawing on

friends from all over produced some outstanding services, such as the poetry service featuring both Earl LeClaire (now in Charleston) and Phil Shils (Decatur, Illinois) and the recent “Go with the Flow: The Power of Authenticity and Openness in the Cultivation of Joy” with Karl Paulnack of Ithaca, NY. There were plenty of excellent local speakers who joined us too, such as Joseph Bathanti, Cara Hagan, Linda Coutant, Joe Klein, and Elicka Sparks, and we continued such annual traditions as the Water Communion and Graduation service.

Although the Program Committee is proud of what we have accomplished with our online services, we are eager for the challenge of rebuilding our in-person community. At our last meeting (June 19, 2021), the Program Committee made recommendations to the BUUF about procedures for transitioning to in-person services after the pandemic.

Active members of the committee were in alphabetical order John Abbott, Connie Greene, Catherine Fountain, Craig Fischer, Judy Geary, Linda Larson, Roland and Barbara Moy, and Kathy Parham. Craig and Kathy served as co-chairs. Connie Green and the Moys stepped off the committee last fall and Craig is leaving the committee at the end of June 2021. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month and welcome visitors and new members to the committee.