

Communications Team Annual Report fy 2018-19

This year the Communications Team became more of a task oriented team with individuals asked to take on tasks and communicating results or progress with Sherri Woolsey, Church Administrator instead of having monthly meetings. It's been challenging to find volunteers to be a part of the team as a whole so this approach was tried for the year.

Dan Murphy took the lead on all things related to the Sunday Services. This includes the live audio streaming at 10:00am as well as the replay at 3:00pm and 7:00pm on Sundays. Dan was also in charge of uploading Rev. Allison's Sunday sermons to youtube and then linking them to the website. Thank you Dan! Dan did have other volunteers to assist with the various parts of the Sunday services and we would like to thank these individuals:

Marie Baizley (slides)
Laurie Barry (archives of services on koober)
Burns Fisher (sound and video)
Frank Grossman (sound)
Kathy Grossman (sound and archives of services on koober)
Nate Griffis (sound)
Steve Hedges (archives of services on koober)
Burns Fisher (sound and slide projecting)
Kate Messner (slides)
Reaghan Moore (slides and sound)
Jenn Morton (slides)
Billy Parker (sound)
Harry Purkhiser (video recording)
Matt Rogers (slides)
Garvin Warner (slides)
Maggie Woolsey (slides, video recording)
Sherri Woolsey (slides, sound, video recording)

Sunday assistants for any of those tasks are welcomed! Please speak with Sherri if you would like to help out.

Marc Canava, husband of member Ruth Canava, was asked to take charge in transitioning the uu@uunashua.org and uu-cares@uunashua.org email lists over to G-Suite so they are now part of the Church's domain in G-Suite. Thank you Marc for your wizardry and time spent on this!

Dan and Frank Grossman were the go to people for all things internet for the facility. Dan created a new wifi connection within the church for use by the Auction check out team. Thank you Dan for doing that! Thank you Frank for all your technical wizardry and assistance this past year!

Thank you to Marc Canava who did his best to help solve Sadie Kahn-Greene's phone issues. Unfortunately we are still having an issue with her phone and we've turned to outside professionals for assistance with it.

The church changed over to Breeze Church Management Software (uucn.breezechms.com) in July of 2018. This new database is new for congregants and allows them to pay their pledges, get directories or contact information of other congregants, see the calendar, see payments they've made and soon volunteer opportunities within the church to name some of the features. The biggest hurdle so far has been getting church members and friends using the software. Brian Ibsen-Johnson took the lead in the change over to Breeze and worked with Sherri and Molly Yarrington, Membership Coordinator, to offer introductory training sessions on Breeze after Sunday services in the fall of 2018. Thank you Brian! We would like to thank the following people for helping us train the congregation with a special thank you to Jess & Brenna Woods for schlepping tables in and out of the church each time:

Ruth Canava
Frank Grossman
Kathy Grossman
Ginger Hedges
Steve Hedges
Lindsey Hedrick
Brian Ibsen-Johnson
Pat Ladew
Steve Ladew
Karen Murray
Jess Woods

The weekly newsletter is distributed through MailChimp and is one task that Sherri and Sadie Kahn-Greene have been handling. They would both like to find someone to assist them in giving it makeover or face lift over the summer. If this speaks to you, please reach out to either Sherri or Sadie.

The church website is maintained primarily by Sherri with each team or committee in charge of updating and editing their respective pages. When there has been a site wide problem Sherri goes to Lois Taylor, Rick Spitz, Dan Murphy or Jodie Holway for troubleshooting help. Thank you to each of you for your assistance this past year!

Both the Facebook Group and the Facebook Page for UUCN are handled by staff. We've had people ask questions of the church on our page. Those messages are sent to Rev. Allison and Sherri who respond accordingly. We'd like to try branching out into other areas of social media to see if we can connect with people in the hopes of attracting new members. If this sounds like something you would be interested in helping with, please speak with Sherri.

It takes a village to keep things running smoothly around here. Thank you to everyone who contributes their technical expertise, helps out and gets involved. We truly couldn't do it without you.

Goals for next year include:

- Additional/replacement body mics for the Sanctuary
- "Closed circuit" video & audio feed of the service to the Fellowship Room
- Redesign of weekly newsletter
- Engaging more congregants in running slides/sound

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Woolsey