

2021/2022 Annual Report

Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua, NH

Music Program 2021-2022

The Music Team did all music programming remotely in the calendar year 2021 due to the pandemic, and this year, we've been having in-person choir, soloists, and song leaders! So exciting! Music Director Jared (Jed) Holland has transitioned from doing all remote to nearly all in-person. We are now holding Sunday morning choir rehearsals, both at 9 am and at 11:45 am.

The Music Team had some changes this year. Steve Hedges has left for family reasons. Thank you for all your help over your time on the team, Steve! And welcome to Vengerflutta Smith who joined our team! Team members Lindsey Hedrick, Brenna Woods, Dan Murphy, Vengerflutta Smith, Anne Smith, and co-chairs Geri Davidson and Kathy Grossman, along with Jed and Rev. Allison, have done a great job in another year of changes.

Members of the choir and church have also stepped in to contribute to the music we've produced remotely, and the choir members who are now coming in person are such a wonderful addition!

Jed continues as a year-round employee, so he assisted all the summer service worship leaders as requested, providing piano and organ music, solos, and accompaniments as needed.

We currently have three church members (Steve Hedges, Anne Smith, and Kathy Grossman) doing the work of posting recordings to kooper.uunashua.org, and have worked to input data correctly for the AV Team to do reporting in accordance with the music licensing requirements.

We had many songs produced by the music team and friends as a group, as well as a virtual choir rehearsal/recording session each month, and many soloists, duets, and small groups perform special music.

We provided music every Sunday except one "Switch It Up Sunday", and one recorded worship service provided by the UUA.

Guest Musicians

We had great participation by many guest musicians who provided special music. This year's guest musicians include many congregation members and friends. There were so many, and they contributed in so many ways that I do not have a complete list of all the contributors. Special thanks go to people who stepped up multiple times, as well as our music team members. And we are grateful to all of you who contributed in many many ways, small and big, throughout the year!

We hosted musical contributions from performer Rodney Mashia, as well as drummer and worship leader Matt Meyer. It was a joy to have them join us in person.

Review of Music Budget 2021-2022

We have only ordered small numbers of printed music for soloists and small groups.

The music budget was used to give donations to professional musicians who provided their music videos free-of-charge for use in our Zoom services, and to pay for the guest musicians' visits.

We continue to pay the Andover Organ Company for needed tunings and repairs of the piano and organ.

Goals for 2022-2023

- During this upcoming year our goal will be to provide music for worship services.
- The music team will focus on how to safely provide music while following the church's protocols for hybrid services (services that some people attend remotely and some attend in person).
- To keep personally connected to the individuals in the music program so they feel this church is their family, especially during troubled times.
- To find even more ways for church members and friends, including children and youth, to contribute musically to the life of the church.
- To interact with the minister, the DFF, the ministerial intern, and the worship associates to continue to bring meaningful music to our congregation.