

Reflections

We broke a record with this year's contributions to the UU Service Committee's Guest at Your Table Program. We collected \$1244.44 to help the UUSC do their work for social justice and human rights across the globe. So - pat yourselves on the back for this generous effort.

Our Fellowship Pals Program is well underway. We have 26 pairs of "Pals". Remember that the children participating are expecting a weekly contact. Mailboxes are mounted on the wall in Fellowship Hall. They are clearly labeled with the child's name. If you are going to be out of town you may send notes or cards to me care of the fellowship and I will see that they are put in the proper mailboxes. We will meet our Pals and celebrate these new friendships on Sunday April 9th after Youth Singers practice. We will meet in the RE classroom for a sweet treat and a solution to the mystery of who has been sending notes for the past few weeks. I appreciate our adults who volunteered for this intergenerational program. With the growth, we have experienced in our RE enrollment in the past few years, it can seem like there are children everywhere and that you do not know their names. Events such as Fellowship Pals and Games Night provide opportunities to connect on an informal basis. We will continue to plan more of these activities.

Ten of our high school youth are beginning a Coming of Age program. Various activities are planned throughout the duration of the program. These include meeting with Jim for discussion and fun, meeting with their mentors, a hike, a day long Vision Quest, a rafting/camping trip on the Chattooga River in Georgia and participation in a recognition of the Coming of Age participants during the June 11th service. This is the first such program we have presented in our fellowship. This will hopefully, be a memorable experience for the all the youth and their mentors.

At our last Parents Meeting there was interest in Parent Classes to help our parents as they work to raise their children in this complicated world. We have scheduled the first of these classes. We will be using the UUA curriculum **Parents as Resident Theologians**. We will meet on Friday nights at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. Dinner and Childcare will be provided.

The dates for the six sessions are:

- March 24th
- April 7th
- April 28th
- May 12th
- May 26th
- June 2nd.

There will be a sign up sheet on the RE bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up so that we can plan appropriately for food and childcare givers.

This is an exciting time in the life of our fellowship with a lot happening and many new faces. The best way to stay connected is to be here, participate and support this wonderful community we have created.

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