

DRAFT OF ASTRONAUT NOTES

The Charge to the Astronaut group

to envision the future of PUUF:

- Who we are now
- What we want to be known for in the future
- What can we realistically be
- What are our dreams for the next 10 years?

Members of the group:

Monica and Jeff Van Steenberg
Monica Pearson
Tom and Siv Barnum
Frank Erickson
Becky Thormahlen
Tara Geraci

Results of poll taken with congregation in April

30 members and friends of PUUF responded indicating interest in various areas of programming, specifically social justice concerns and possible interest groups.

Results in group poll:

Women's group (9)
Men's group (4)
Parenting (1)
Games (5)
Grief/Loss (3)
Outdoor Activities (13)
Political Discussion (5)
Other topics suggested: Green living/Garden, 7th principle; emergency response groups in time of illness; personal wellbeing/group therapy for depression; book club; movie night (2)

Results in social justice poll:

Environmental concerns (8)
Civil Discourse (4)
Immigration (5)
LGBTQ (3)
Affordable Housing (8)
Voter registration (3)
Homelessness (7)
Access to health care (7)
Poverty (5)
Access to Education (4)
Other suggestions: mental health, addiction, constitutional crisis, disabled issues, ending war, gun violence, supporting AHS students.

Favorite things about Sunday services

Physical contact (hugs, holding hands at closing, etc.)

Singing the kids out

Potlucks and social hour (need cards to show gluten-free and vegan/vegetarian options)

Closing Circle

Guest speakers from many places

Suggestions about Sunday services

Services need to be carefully organized so that they don't go past a designated time; one recent service lasted till 12:20 or more and should have been reined in earlier.

Layleaders need to prepare for each service and inform extra speakers about timing.

How to rein in overlong presentations courteously.

Songs need to be singable and enjoyable.

An energetic songleader helps encourage the congregation to sing out.

Teach new songs and tell the story of the song or point out valuable parts of the verses.

A soloist could sing the first verse of a new song as a way to help the congregation be more familiar with it.

Possible ideas for Sunday services

Tom Horning: the spiritual side of geology

Reader's Theater service

Seth Tichenor

Possible dreams for the future

A musically oriented new minister

A teen group (starting with Eli and Azaria?) which PUUF could sponsor to help w/gun violence Issue.

Our Whole Lives class (sex education class)