

## REPORT to CHURCH CONFERENCE

### of FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of SANTA ROSA, CA

#### Hospitality Committee

10/23/19

**MEMBERS:** Janin Comiskey, Marilyn Ferguson, Mark Frey Mary Grandgeorge, Scott Miedema, Sharon Peterson (Chair), Emily Rainsford, Shelly Thompson, Lori Sawdon (Staff rep.) Associate Members: Fran Byrn, Sally Gearhart

Meetings: Fourth Monday of the month, 5:30pm in Carriage House

#### Purpose of the Commission/Committee:

Create warm, friendly environment for newcomers by connecting them to church members and activities. Reinforce and establish relationships among current and prospective congregants through various activities and events. Provide pathways for membership through outreach to newcomers and newcomer orientation.

#### How does the purpose of this committee help fulfill mission of FUMC?

In God's love, reach out to newcomers to embrace them in this loving community of faith! Love inward as well as outward. Collaborate with other ministries to provide inclusive events that encourage participation in the church family.

#### What are our 2019 accomplishments?

- \*Sponsored Oakmont "Meet-n-Greet" social event, (by Communications Committee)—well attended
- \*Banners: Pillars completed at both Montgomery and Stony Point
- \*Continuing focus on our Belong, Become, Be ministry by showing to new members at "Dessert with the Pastors" in May.
- \* Continued support of our on-going activities, including:

*All church events:*

Palm Sunday breakfast

Host-the-Bishop event

Dessert with the Pastors for Newcomers

All-Church Potluck Breakfast World Communion Sunday

\*Event Cards promoting church events reinstated in pew pads

\* Intentional communication with newcomers through invitations and calls to inform them of church events, changes in worship schedule, etc. Phone calls made regarding Palm Sunday and Easter schedule.

\*Greeters distributing new edition of Roseleaf the first two weeks it is available.

\*Incorporated newcomer emails into "What's Happening" weekly email distribution list.

\*Inventory done of existing banners, new binder with illustrations made, and purchase completed of pillar banners.

\*Welcome table continues to be available at Montgomery campus

\*New greeters being recruited

\*Pew Pad sign-in continues to be encouraged and is well used

\*Gift bags (candle bags), including United Methodist Women's insert, distributed to newcomers

What goals or benchmarks have we set to measure success/effectiveness?

Attention to ongoing participation/involvement of new members through first year of membership.

Attention to newcomer attendance/participation, for example:

"Meal with the Pastors" within one year of initial record on the database

- participation in summer office staffing

-participation at knitting group, men's breakfast, choir