

UUMAC Connections

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Thank you!!!

Every summer I try to come up with something that my children and I can do for others. Recently while sitting in traffic I read a bumper sticker on the car in front of me:

“Practice random acts of kindness”.

Although this is something that I always tend to do I decided to be more intentional about the message and I told my children that each day they were to do something kind for someone else.

UUMAC has done something extremely kind for my family. Because of the kindness of this beloved community, Montana, Milan and I were able to join all of you in fellowship this week.

Due to several circumstances I needed to apply for a scholarship. Josie sent a plea out to the UUMAC community for additional money for scholarships and it was wonderful to see how many people generously donated to the funds. To me, this was more than an act of kindness. It was an act of love and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Warmly~

Carla Monardes

Intergen News

I wanted to announce that the winner of the Scavenger Hunt was Carla Monardes—for the third year in a row. Second place went to Johnn Cave, who worked very hard in finding everyone.

I also wanted to personally thank everyone who helped with intergen activities. In particular I want to thank:

Rob and Kevin from the 5th and 6th grade group who helped me load carnival items in the car in the pouring rain.

- Myke and Martin from the Teen group who helped me unload the car in the pouring rain at the dining hall.
- All the adults who were willing to play Bacon and Eggs and Musical Chairs with young children in intergen games
- Everyone who helped with the carnival
- Lastly the teens and YA's who truly understood the spirit of intergen and joyfully participated in the carnival and provided a much needed audience for the Children's Talent Show, as well as being adults in Mystery Pals when needed. Thank you all.

Children's Program News

Carla Miller, Children's Coordinator

Just a quick note to say THANK YOU to all of our amazing kids and teachers in the children's program this year for a really wonderful UUMAC experience! You were all such a pleasure to work with. I just hope you all had as much fun as I did! May that positive UUMAC feeling go with you now to home, work, school and all you do. And I look forward to seeing you all here again- and many new friends as well!- next year.

Carla Miller

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Dear UUMAC friends,

Thank you so much for being a part of my life this week.

When I came here to UUMAC, I admit I had a lot on my mind: the congregational year that had just concluded, and of course the worries

and hopes of impending parenthood. I am so, so very glad I came. Because you have helped me realize anew what the beloved community is all about.

Henry Davis said that UUMAC does intergenerational UU living better than anyone. I believe that's absolutely true. From the knock-knock jokes told by retirees to kindergarteners (and vice versa), to Michael Jackson dance-offs and contra dancing, to the truly inspiring youth-led worship we shared last night, we are a community where all people can grow and learn, and of course have fun, together.

Abbey and I, we hope and pray, will be proud parents of a little, growing boy in just a few weeks – and yes, we will try to remember to send pictures. Because of you, we enter this time more aware than ever before that the world he is coming into is one where love is abundant, and growth and transformation is always possible. Thank you, and 'til we meet again, blessed be.

Your partner in our shared ministry of love and justice,

Rev. Bob