

Membership Committee Annual Report 2009

Members of the Committee: June Haskell, Joan Connacher, Diane Fontas, Sue Fortier, Fred Shirley, Barbara Spitz, Joyce Stewart (Chair) and Sherri Woolsey.

Our committee started the year with a goal to increase membership by 5% and try to close the "back door", how many members we loose each year. With a total of 28 new members this year we feel we did a pretty good job in reaching our 5% goal. We hosted a reception for our new members in the fall and spring.

The Committee sponsored our annual Open House the first Sunday of October. We had ten visitors that Sunday. We average seven new visitors every Sunday with two or three returning for future visits.

Every Sunday the nametag board is brought into the Sanctuary for all members, friends and returning visitors to find and wear their nametags. We also staff the Information Table to answer questions visitors may have. In the back of the Sanctuary and on the Information Table we have Visitor Packets available. We maintain the brochure racks outside the Sanctuary and in the Dining Room.

The Church Pictorial Directory was distributed in March. People who don't regularly attend were mailed one. If you didn't receive a copy, please call the church office and ask to have one mailed to you. We do have several copies still available.

Members birthdays were recognized every Sunday in the Order of Service. During the Church Council meeting in January we discussed ways to try and keep our members and friends informed of the weekly Joys and Concerns and Announcements from the Sunday Service. As a result of this, the "UU Cares" e-mail list was set up. Every week a summary of the Joys and Concerns as well as the weekly announcements are sent out to those on the list. The list is moderated by Sherri Woolsey, Membership Coordinator and is only available to people who attend our church. If you aren't already subscribed to this list, please visit the church website and click on the "Contact Us" link then click on uu-cares@uunashua.org to ask to be subscribed. It is hoped that our Sunday Summer Presenters will take notes of the Joys and Concerns and utilize this list so we can keep this going over the summer. We are hoping this will help keep us connected over the summer. This list is not exclusively for Sunday services. If you have a Joy or Concern you would like to share with our church community, please submit it to the above e-mail address.

Unfortunately our wonderful chair, Joyce Stewart, is stepping down. We are looking for another chairperson. If you are interested, please speak with Sherri Woolsey.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherri Woolsey
Membership Coordinator