

We are missing nine (9) hymnals. This is nearly a third of the hymnals we purchased. If you have one, please return it to UU Hall. Thank you.

>>>>>>>>>> **RETREAT REPORT** <<<<<<<<<<<<

Yes, of course we went on our annual hike around the lake, and yes, of course the kids went swimming in the "beaver pond." And yes, of course, we all had a great time! And, yes, we did squeeze in some bonding, visioning, goal-setting, and nitty-gritty stuff, too. Here's a brief summary...

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

We now own our own building...

- * And it has been beautifully done
- * Meeting in our own building is a special event each time
- * Regularity of knowing where we're going to meet
- * Non-service uses of our new building
- * Contributing to the shared-labor of our new building
- * Feeling of belonging to both a physical and spiritual home

* Ownership in creating our own space

* People working together

* Committed Leaders

* Fabulous Sunday Programming

* Seeing friends doing lay-led services

* Wonderful services from Church of the Larger Fellowship

Fellowship

* The way we didn't try to do too much for Sunday programs

* The Lectern David R. made

* Visiting ministers & speakers

* Blessing Sunday

* Passover Service

* Dance Service

* Discussions

Special events...

- Fall kick-off

- Rummage Sale

- Auction

- Talent Show

- Mandy Margolis belly dancing

- Sophie Adam-Quinn's talent

Three Founding Mothers Photo Op

Youth Activities - weekly meetings in a special place

Multi-age gatherings

Sunday School Activities

Last Year's Retreat

Alice Sleeper's company

Some spouses (Martha Ann & Charles) have lowered their resistance

Simplicity and regularity of email newsletter

We raised more \$\$ than we ever raised before

* Chalice Lighter Grant

* Founding Mothers Fund

GOALS FOR THE COMING YEAR

Building and Grounds

* Security

* Hire people for regular interior cleaning and exterior maintenance

* Permanent sound system

* Improve acoustics

* Building committee take leadership

* Floor

* More finished facility

UUCO Leadership

* Pay more attention to leadership development

* Clear structure & responsibilities

* A move-up system, built in transition

* Take advantage of training opportunities that UUA-MSD offers

UUA-MSD offers

* Go to MSD Annual meeting in Nashville in May

* Better institutional housekeeping - keeping our own house in order by regular meetings, etc.

Funding

* More fund-raisers & improved fundraising

* Improve Annual Canvas

* Paid Bookkeeper working on-site

Programming

* Structure Sunday services more, especially announcements & interruptions to service

* More visiting speakers, Ministers, local speakers, live music on Sundays

* Remove ourselves more from University calendar

* Summer activities - picnics

* Keep closer tabs on our hymnals

Membership Retention

* Attention to Member retention

* Pare back on a few events & activities so as not to wear out leaders

* Bigger community of younger children

* Always have child care available for every event

* Support our leaders

Outreach/PR

* Interfaith Compassionate Ministries

* UUCO & Hall be a home for AI

* UUCO & Hall be a home for other community organizations

* More visibility in community - regular ads in papers

* Campus coffee house - or at UU Hall

* Web site with links to UUA, Oxford, Ole Miss Use of Building

* Scheduling calendar

* A system for approval of use for non-UUCO functions

* Policies regarding building use

>>>>>>>>>> **COMMUNITY CORNER** <<<<<<<<<<<<

