

## **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT – 2016-2017**

**Lexie McGrane**

*Nourishing spirits, working for justice, transforming lives*

### **Community UU Church vision and motto**

As I reflected on the last two years, the word “resilient” comes to mind. To be resilient is to be flexible, adaptable, and supple. As a church family we have been that and more. As we begin the 2017-2018 church year, the very capable Zack Hughes will assume the role of congregational president. New people will join the Board of Trustees. Their enthusiasm and vision will help to guide our journey together. I'd like to thank each of you for your help and support during my tenure. THANK YOU!!!

### **Social Action in Action**

Many of you are aware of our commitment and ongoing service to Barron Elementary. That continues to be one of the highlights of our social action program and a major outreach effort. In addition to our service at Barron, we continue to support God's Pantry in several ways. Using dedicated funds and donations from the congregation, we continue to pay their electric bill each month. Organic produce from our wonderful Community Garden is delivered there every Saturday. Samaritan Inn and Meals on Wheels receive checks for \$500 each twice a year to support their community efforts, and we are represented on the Collin County Homeless Coalition. Several years ago, Community Church became a charter member of the Texas UU Justice Ministry (TXUJMJ) which acts statewide to represent our UU values in the public arena.

### **Supporting Equal Rights**

We are about to renew our certification as a Welcoming Congregation, proudly fly the rainbow flag from our wayside pulpit, and are about to display the transgender flag in the church foyer. As a church community, we expressed our commitment to racial justice by passing the Black Lives Matter Resolution, and actively supported the Plano Equal Rights Ordinance.

### **A Bright Future**

One only has to look into our beautiful “new” nursery to see how, in the face of challenges, we bounced back from difficult circumstances. A big “thank you” goes to Duane Mortensen, Dick Hildenbrand, Bill Daffinee, and Amy Dessert for their efforts to see the building remediation project through to a successful conclusion. New members join us and new leaders are stepping up to help make us a stronger congregation and a positive force in the larger community. Our relationship with the Sai Community continues to be strong and we look forward to participating in joint community outreach efforts with these valued friends.

Thank you all for your commitment to Community Church. It is my honor to be in fellowship with you.

In Faith,

Lexie McGrane