

## Membership/Social Activities Committee, 2011/12

This year the Membership Committee merged with the Social Activities Committee to continue the work of attracting new members and offering ways to connect with members and friends throughout our church community.

We have also continued our ongoing work of greeting visitors, staffing our Information/Newcomers Table each Sunday during Coffee Hour, adding photos to our electronic pictorial directory, and sending visitor postcards. In the fall we will debut our new folders for the visitor information packet.

This year we revived efforts to recognize birthdays of church members. Hand written birthday cards are sent to each UU Nashua member who has listed their birthday as part of their personal information (used only in our database, never shared with any outside lists/sources).

Thanks to Fred Shirley there are now signs labeling each room in the Parish House.  
THANK YOU!

During this year's Youth Service we happily welcomed 4 Youth to our congregation as new members. We hope this trend continues in years to come.

From a Social Activities viewpoint, it was a very successful year. Summer events in 2011 including pot-luck cookouts at Greeley Park and Beach Days in Rye, NH were well attended. A Trivia night (September), Thanksgiving Dinner (November), an afternoon of holiday caroling in the neighborhood around the church (December), Soup & Bread to warm the soul (February), a Spring Egg Hunt (April), an Intergenerational Book Club (April & May) and monthly game nights provided ways for church members & friends to informally come together, have fun, and get to know more about each other.

During the freak "Halloween Snow Storm" of 2011 when many people were without power for days after the storm, the Social Activities Committee, with help from wonderful volunteers (especially Frona Avery and Russ & Karen Leonard), quickly mobilized to offer a homemade hot meal Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings of that week. Having the Parish House dining room open for warmth, food, good company, and a place to recharge phones, computers, etc. provided a much-needed mental health break for those who found themselves without electrical comforts for days on end. We plan to offer this program again whenever similar circumstances arise. If there is a widespread power outage lasting more than 12 hours, please call the church. If the church has power and we will be opening the building to serve a meal, the answering machine greeting will be changed to provide that information.

Respectfully, the Membership Committee members;  
Victoria Agnew, Tonia Chase, Joan Connacher, Kim Hicks, Michelle Morrison, Jenn Morton, Monica Staples, David Robbins, Charles Savoie, Fred Shirley, Sherri Woolsey