## **Religious Education Team Meeting**

January 8, 2017

12:30 pm

**Team Members**: Bill Raney- chair, Tracy VanQuaethem, Nelson Maurice, Raegan Buatte, Jessica Mattingly, Joe Robertson, Ralph Tomlinson, Barbara Tomlinson, Martin Tomlinson, Shawna Fortunato, Joyce Jonasson and the Rev. Judith Cady, minister of religious education.

## **Agenda Items**

- Mentoring: Judith is mentoring the RE directors from Boulder, Colorado and from Ames, Iowa.
- **OWL Program:** In conjunction with Shawnee Mission, we are offering the OWL program for grades 7-9 this year. The parent orientation is on Sunday, Jan. 22. The OWL sessions will be on two Saturdays and Sunday afternoons Feb. 1 through Mar. 13.
- **RE Programs:** Judith is planning the RE programs for this new year, January through May. We are planning church services for the COA experience, for Mother's Day and a graduation service. We will host an RE reception for the congregation and the Mystery Friends program again.
- Martin Tomlinson: Martin Tomlinson is one of our teens who has gotten involved in UU social justice and human rights issues. He has participated in the Southwest Border immigration trip. He has become a UU youth chaplain. He has been selected as the co-dean of the UUNO multigenerational seminar in New York for the next two years. Judith has given written and oral references for him for all of these opportunities.
- Mitten Tree: Thank you to everyone who brought warm mittens and scarves for our Mitten Tree in December. The homeless adults, teens and children at reStart got their mittens just in time for Christmas. Our congregation is warming hands and hearts with their gifts during this cold winter season.