

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO KATHERINE HUFFMAN

This award is meant to honor a person who has contributed a significant amount of volunteer time to the Fellowship during the last year. This year we honor Katherine Huffman, someone for whom the phrase “a significant amount of volunteer time” would be the height of modesty. I’d like to tell you a little about her, largely taken from the words of people who nominated her.

- ❖ Katherine has been everywhere this year. She leads the Alliance that raises and grants funds to support special activities in the Fellowship and supports hosts many AUUF events. Katherine chairs the Nominating Committee, and was a key member of the Ordination Team for Becca Bernard. She also sings in the choir singing soprano, alto, or both, as needed – as usual, she helps support others around her.

And for years she has been central to the development and delivery of AUUF’s OWL program, benefitting a generation of young people who have grown up in the Fellowship and others who came specifically for open and accurate information that is hard to find anywhere else. She’s taught years of middle school and high school OWL as well as leading parent workshops.

Her artwork has livened and beautified the materials for Stewardship drives, Becca’s ordination, and RE events. She created the whole magical world for the RE Hogwarts program, from the Hogwarts Express to Diagon Alley.

As a leader of the Connections Team, Katherine models what it means to be genuinely welcoming to visitors and the UU-curious. She opens conversations, gives spontaneous tours of the building, and co-leads Finding Your Way into Fellowship classes. And she does it all with good humor, creativity, and patience for all those who have the pleasure of working with her.

I just have to note that in addition to everything else this wonderful person does, she also coordinated the table decorations we are enjoying this evening!

On behalf of the Board, I want to say that we are deeply grateful for your help this evening and for all you do, all year, *all* of it.