

UUCD Board of Trustees, 2020-21

UUCD's Board of Trustees has seven members, with staggered three-year terms. The incoming Board members are elected by the congregation at its Annual Meeting in late spring and take office on July 1. The Board meets at 7 pm on the second Monday of the month; congregational members are welcome to attend. Minutes of Board meetings are posted on the UUCD website.



Chair: Claudia Utts-Smith: I was born into a Unitarian family, began attending UUCD in 1989 after moving from New Jersey to Davis and officially joined in 2004. I was an RE teacher and volunteered with many youth activities. I have served on several committees through the years including Stewardship, Welcoming, Celebration of Life, and Life Odyssey. I had a 17 year career as a social worker; with a primary focus on child protective services, domestic violence, and sexual assault services. I recently retired from my 2nd career as a professional organizer. I am honored to serve on the Board and see it as an opportunity to affirm and practice the 7 UU principles.

Emily Burstein: I became a member of the UUCD in 2013. This is my first experience with organized religion. Initially, I helped with the MUUGs. I now facilitate and help coordinate the Deep Listening Groups. Since fall of 2018, I have been on the Worship Associate team. These later two experiences have been deeply enriching and I feel grateful for Revs Beth's and Morgan's mentorship. I retired in 2018, working for most of my career at Caltrans as a mass transportation planner and administrator. I have three adult children. I am honored to be on the Board and to serve the church.

Kathy Coulter is a retired public relations specialist having worked as Communications Director for the American Red Cross and Public Television Station KIXE. She has attended UUCD since 1998 and became a member in 2006. She co-chaired the Path to Membership and served as Operations Co-Chair. She was also a member of the Green Sanctuary Committee, the Stewardship Committee, the choir and an usher. Kathy was a Coming of Age mentor. Currently, Kathy co-chairs the Life Odyssey program and, in 2014, developed and implemented the Guardian of Our Grounds program.

Tiffany Eschbach began attending UUCD in 2013 with her family and became a member in 2016. She has been active as a teacher and helper at the Bridgehouse, and helping or co-leading the Memorial Day church campout. She is a quality assurance analyst for a local educational

technology company, volunteers as a leader for Scouts, and has been involved in the local theatre community. As a Board member, she hopes to encourage and establish more ways for the congregation to feel like they have a place.

Leonie Pickett teaches History and English at Da Vinci Junior High in Davis. She was raised UU in Maryland, and has been coming to this church since 1998. She began a young adult group here in those early years, and has also been a worship associate, run adult RE groups, facilitated High School OWL sessions, and led the UNIQUE youth group for 10 years. Leonie graduated from Starr King School for the Ministry in 2007 but chose teaching as a way to spread positive values to a larger group of young people and not have to leave Davis and this church. She loves that this church is an intergenerational space for her family, as her kids, Delta Rivers and Alannah Griesemer have both grown up in this church, and her mother, Jill Pickett, has been involved in many ways.

Tamara Range: I've been attending UUCD for 13 years. In that time I have taught in the Bridge House, was Chair Person on the Children and Youth Religious Exploration committee (CYRE), served on the Strategic Planning Committee (Dream Team), and most recently had the distinct pleasure of working with Beth and our amazing ministries team as a Worship Associate. I've worked in the mortgage industry for over 24 years and I'm currently a Manager for a national mortgage lender. I'm married and have 3 children. I feel strongly about the education and care that our children get at UUCD.

Ted Swift grew up in eastern Washington State, on the dry side of the Cascades, and spent summers in the Gulf Islands of B.C., thus developed a lifelong interest in water. After attending Reed College in Portland (founded by UUs), Ted worked as an electrical engineering researcher in the Bay Area for a decade before coming to UC Davis to attend graduate school in hydrologic science, studying the clarity of Lake Tahoe. Since 2005, Ted has been an environmental scientist with the CA Dept. of Water Resources, studying the effects of water quality on the Bay-Delta ecosystems. In connection to the UU Seventh Principle, Ted is an avid amateur astronomer using "citizen science".