

Tech Team Report

May 10, 2009

Currently there are ten active members of the UUC Tech Team including by alphabetical order Jeff Anderson, Ches Applewhite, Sue Boone, John Fraser, John Hegner, Debbie Langrock, Sam Porterfield, Linda Rehkemper, Linda Stoller and Jean Weigelt. From the period since May 1, 2008 several others have passed through the team, some for only a few weeks and others for a longer period. The one that served the longest was Carl Hansen, and others include Mike Den Ouden and Sharon La Plume. Due to the changing personal situations such as work schedules, members sometimes drop off the team either temporarily or permanently. Also, we would not have made it through the year without the assistance of Bill Newton and Hank Charnesky. Bill is our volunteer trouble shooter that we call when we have major problems and Hank is the ever-patient professional who helps train new volunteers and re-train the rest of us when new equipment or software is introduced.

The Tech Team members are some of the hardest working and most dedicated volunteers at UUC. From May 1 of 2008 until May 1, 2009 we covered 54 Sunday morning services (there were 2 double services in May 2008) plus at least 10 different evening services and activities such as the auction. I say at least 10 because there were some activities where a Tech Team member volunteered to cover an evening program and it was never put on the official schedule, plus there were also evening training sessions. For every service we require two Tech Team members in the sound booth, one for audio and one for video. Typically, for Sunday morning services, Tech Team members are required to arrive by 9:30 AM for set-up and then stay after service to about 12:30 to put away equipment and make copies. Recent town hall meetings kept Tech Team members in the booth after 1:30 PM. It is difficult for most UUC members to make this kind of commitment for a long period of time, so we are always in need of additional volunteers so that we can spread the work around more. Currently have a need for at least two more volunteers to train during the summer and be ready to help with the fall schedule.

The Team makes both video DVDs and audio CDs of almost every service. Some copies are shared with RE teachers or other organizations as a courtesy and many more copies of services are sold. Last year the Tech Team raised \$1,122 through the sales of both DVDs and CDS. Much of the copying and sale of the copies was accomplished by Mary Ches Applewhite (who has volunteered to be the new Tech Team Coordinator) with the assistance of Jean Weigelt on the sales table in the Social Hall every Sunday..

John W. Fraser

Outgoing Tech Team Coordinator

