

Tech Team Report

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Currently there are 12 members of the UUC Tech Team including by alphabetical order Jeff Anderson (currently on sabbatical), Ches Applewhite, Sue Boone, John Fraser, Katherine Gomez, John Hegner, Debbie Langrock, Linda Rehkemper, Linda Stoller, Jean Weigelt, and occasionally a USF student named Dana Akhooridan. New UUC member Jim House assists our webmaster with podcasts. Carl Hansen still steps up when we need him. Also, we are grateful for the assistance of Bill Newton (now on UUC sabbatical) and Hank Charnesky. Bill was 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 2009 until May 1, 2010 we covered 52 Sunday morning services plus more than a dozen evening services and other activities such as the auction and memorial services. For every service, two Tech Team members must be 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. For music programs, techies need to be in the booth for several hours during chorale practice. 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 we have a need for at least four more volunteers to train during the summer and be ready to help with the fall schedule.

The monthly sound booth schedule of techies who have volunteered for services is posted on the door to the booth!

Ongoing Issues:

The Tech Team needs to have the following sound booth policy more widely publicized to committees and others who plan services.

If a CD, DVD, or memory stick media needs to be played during a service, the person needs to contact the tech team a few days in advance to be sure that at least one volunteer has the expertise to handle the request. Contact Tech Team Coordinator Ches Applewhite and plan to present the media to the volunteer in the sound booth at least 45 minutes before the service begins.

Another issue has been problems with the computer and our ability to make CDs. We're still working on this one. Also, the memory stick for podcasts is missing!

Copies are shared with RE teachers or other organizations as a courtesy and many more copies of services are purchased. A recent change to the sales policy added Buy One, Get One Free and asking for a love offering instead of stating a sales price. Last year the Tech Team raised \$995 through the sales of both DVDs and CDs. Much of the copying and sale of the copies was accomplished by Ches with the assistance of Jean Weigelt on the Tech Team table in the Social Hall every Sunday..

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