

## **Partner Church Program**

### **2019 Annual Report**

Our partnership with the Kezdivasarhely, Romania congregation began in 1997 and continues to strengthen the connection to our Unitarian roots.

We keep in touch with Rev. Maria Pap; Revs. Csilla and Istvan Buzogany-Csoma; and our friends in Transylvania via Facebook and email. We share photos and short video clips of Sunday services and other activities. Rev. Istvan made and distributed a music CD.

We provided a salary supplement for Rev. Istvan, room and board support for University student Nora Gabor, and a contribution to the Kezdivasarhely church. Nora provided a brief self portrait for a Newsletter.

I led a pilgrimage of 5 people in August 2018 to celebrate the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Edict of Torda. We spent two days in Bucharest with a group from Spokane, 4 days with our partners in Kezdivasarhely and Szentivanlaborfalva, and the rest of the time seeing sites of cultural and historical interest. The Pilgrims wrote introductions of their hosts for the newsletter.

We welcomed Lee Boeke Burke to the congregation and Partner Church leadership in September. Lee's experience with the Appleton, WI congregation and central UUPC operations has helped provide new energy and focus.

We are offering a "Transylvanian Dinner" at the Auction to introduce food, culture, and history to our dinner guests. In the fall we plan to provide programming for the October First Friday, as well as other information sessions as part of children's and adult SGD

Participating members this year include: Laura Bolletino, Lee Boeke Burke, Jan Bower, Donna Clark, Fran Dew, Bob Dinan, Cathy Doherty, Ingrid Gunderson, Fran Lyman, Hajnal Minger, Gerry Moran and Anita Sherman Moran, Cathy and Mike Muha, Carolyn and Patrick Norton, Margaret Pekarek, Rev. Ken Phifer, Margaret Pekarek, Nancy and Steve Schewe, Phyllis Valentine.

Submitted by Phyllis Valentine