

INCLUSION COMMUNITY

2022 IN REVIEW



10 HIGHLIGHTS

- #10- Pie Day Picnic
- #9- Dinner Church
- #8- Paper Bag Live Nativity
- #7- Cook-out at the Andersons
- #6- Advent Luminary Labyrinth
- #5- Sacred Writing Retreat at the Well
- #4- PRIDE Parade & Glitter Blessings
- #3- Begetting to Know You
- #2- IC's 12th Birthday Story Slam
- #1- Inaugural Community Dreaming Day



OUR CORE VALUES

Our Leadership Team led us through the summer to identify and clarify Inclusion Community's Core Values, which are:

- **Authenticity**
- **Belovedness**
- **Curiosity**
- **Co-Creativity**



2022 IN THE NUMBERS



2022 FINANCES:
Expenses: **98,905**
Revenue: **87,384***
Net Income: **(11,520)**
**grants included*
Thanks for your gifts & generosity!

THIS LOOKED LIKE...

4 Core Values Identified!
111 Glitter Blessings offered at PRIDE
12 Pies eaten at our Pie Day Picnic
48 Folks gathered for Easter
87 Human Emotions & Experiences explored in Atlas of the Heart
500 Luminaries Lit in our Labyrinth
Infinite Laughs at our Paper Bag Pageant Live Nativity



OUR INAUGURAL COMMUNITY DREAMING DAY

As a community, we began to shift, experiment with, and co-create new practices of discernment and decision-making. We invited the whole community into a summer of dreaming followed by a day of deep dreaming, discernment, and community organizing! We named numerous dreams! We considered our current capacity individually and collectively, and we discerned which dreams were most in alignment with our mission, vision, values, capacity, and calling from the Spirit in this season. It was a life-giving and inspired experience!

Our Dreams for the season ahead included:

Explore Spirituality:

- Offer an Embodied Contemplative Practice during Advent
- Offer a Spiritual Writing Retreat (Creative Expression)

Pursue Justice:

- Offer a Deep South Pilgrimage (with a small group study at intersection of spirituality & justice)

Practice Community:

- Experiment with Dinner Church
- Offer Baguette-to-Know You Part 2 ("Table Talks")
- Offer a Fun/Fellowship Event (Halloween S'mores)
- Explore a relationship with Cornelius Elementary School



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Thank you for all the ways you participate and contribute to our community! We appreciate your prayers, presence, passions, dreams, financial gifts, stories, and sharing. We are better together!

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A LOOK BACK...



JANUARY

- *We returned to Gathering solely on Zoom for the winter due to the rise in Covid.
- *We celebrated the season of Christmas reflecting on the fleshliness of God.
- *On Epiphany Sunday we received our 2022 Star Words and pondered the sacred significance of thresholds.
- *We remembered our baptisms.
- *We created sacred spaces in our homes.

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FEBRUARY

- *Jack Salt and Haley Hamblin led a Sacred Reading Group on "Little Fires Everywhere."
- *Gilda Morina Syverson led a Sacred Writing Retreat at the Well of Mercy.
- *At the Gathering we explored the art of forgiveness using the Tutus's "The Book of Forgiveness."



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MARCH

- *Our Lenten series was "For All Who Hunger: Bread for the Journey." We used flour for Ash Wednesday and got curious about how/what we needed to be nourished during Lent. We had Daily Bread Texts, our first "Baguetteing to Know You," and Sunrise Scripture by the Slice (Lectio Divina).
- *We ate ALL the pie at our Pie Day Picnic.



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APRIL

- *We celebrated Palm Sunday with "breads and spreads."
- *We shared communion and washed each others feet on Maundy Thursday.
- *We pour painted our tears at our Art of Lament Good Friday Service.
- *We celebrated how the Bread of Life is Risen on Easter outside with a bright celebration!



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MAY

- *With our "beyond inclusion" series, we moved back outside to explore how we might expand our practice of welcome and inclusion to shape a community of belonging.

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JUNE

- *Oh the places we go. Our Atlas of the Heart summer travel series and small group guided by Brene Brown's book and HBO special invited us into deeper emotional intelligence and helped us begin to process our collective trauma and this post-quarantine era.



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AUGUST

- *We identified and dug deep into Inclusion Community's Core Values together.
- *We offered Glitter Blessings and a Glittering Photo Booth at Charlotte Pride.



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JULY

- *We had a community cook-out at the Andersons.
- *We participated in Wild Goose which was held in Harmony, NC for the first time.



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SEPTEMBER

- *We held our inaugural Community Dreaming Day and identified how we will live into our Mission and Vision in the year ahead.
- *At the Gathering we explored the transformative power of the Table.
- *Haley Hamblin taught a Koinonia: A Journey of Justice and Blonging with the Apostle Paul.
- *We held a pop-up labyrinth.
- *We offered evening Contemplative Practices called "The Quiet Table."



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OCTOBER

- *We celebrated Inclusion's 12th Birthday with a Table-themed Story Slam!
- *We offered game table nights, dinner tables, coffee tables, and tables galore!
- *We experimented with "Dinner Church" for the first time.
- *We had an info table at Claudias' 5K.



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NOVEMBER

- *We celebrated All Saints Sunday.
- *We gathered around the table for a fabulous Soup Sunday.
- *Advent began!



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DECEMBER

- *Our Christmas in Davidson Tree was glorious.
- *We offered an Advent Luminary Labyrinth.
- *We had sacred evening contemplative practices.
- *We held a Blue Christmas to hold space for all who grieved.
- *All the holy chaos ensued at the Paper Bag Live Nativity.
- *We held a festive candlelit Christmas Eve service in the Hut with Karla Kincaid & a contemplative Christmas Eve service on Zoom!



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