

Newcomers

We'd like to make you comfortable, even before you visit....

Q: What do UUs wear to services? A wide variety of clothing styles, from casual jeans to the occasional sports jacket and dress and everything in between. We recommend that children come dressed to play and ready to use art supplies.

Q: Is there childcare or Sunday School during church? We have both: Childcare for children under age five and Religious Education for children older than five.

Q: If my child doesn't separate well, can he or she stay with me during the service? Of course, and we also understand that babies cry and toddlers move around! Please care for your family in a way that gives you all comfort.

Q: What is a service like? We usually open with music, then have introductions and some announcements, followed by a welcome and the lighting of the Unity Candle, during which we invite people to share their Joys and Sorrows with the group. We continue with readings and a hymn, the morning offering and then a Story for All Ages or the Singing Out of the Children, after which they leave for their classes. We then have a sermon, time for silent reflection, another hymn and closing words; all followed by coffee, refreshments and conversation.

Q: Will I be welcome? We really mean our affirmation of respect for all individuals: Whatever spiritual path you are on, whatever race, whatever gender or orientation, we welcome you here. You can expect to be greeted and introduced, and we'll likely want to chat with you after the service.

Q: Where do your members come from? Geographically, most are from Fond du Lac and nearby outlying areas. Religiously, as Unitarian Universalists, we draw on the teachings of the world's religions. Some members are theists and continue to draw from the Christian tradition, others are agnostics, humanists or atheists. Some are not religious in the conventional sense. A few of us are life-long Unitarian Universalists. We all are interested in the larger questions of life, and value spiritual growth and community.

Q: What do UUs believe? We don't have a creed--we don't claim to know the answers to all the mysteries of life. We do have some guiding principles:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

For more detail, visit the website of the [Unitarian Universalist Association](#), which supports our self-governance.

Q: Is your building accessible to wheelchairs? The building itself is accessible via the front door on Main Street, and an elevator will take you to the fourth floor. We don't find the bathrooms to be truly accessible.



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