

Welcome!

The Foxborough Universalist Church, UUA, is a vibrant and caring congregation that welcomes all. Our mission is to nurture each other along our spiritual paths while working together for the betterment of our community and the world.

Our goal is to significantly improve and positively influence conditions which affect the quality of life of our members, our families, and our community.

We strive to provide a place for people to explore their own spiritual beliefs as we believe that religious growth and learning is a lifelong journey.

Our members have diverse religious backgrounds and everyone is welcome. Everyone is free to explore and share (if so desired) their own thoughts and feelings as they embark on their own personal spiritual journey.

We currently have a minister who preaches three times per month. For our other services, we have guest speakers or lay-led services.

If you have any questions, please call us at 508-543-4002 or visit us at the church or on the Web at www.uufoxborough.org.

If you want further information about Unitarian Universalism or the Unitarian Universalist Association, please visit www.uua.org.

Then, Please Come Visit Us!

History Of The Foxborough Universalist Church

The first meetings of the Universalist Society in Foxborough were held as early as 1838 in Sumner Hall, which was situated where the Union Block used to stand. Services were held there every Sunday by Hosea Ballou, Thomas Whitemore, a Mr. Davis, and other ministers who were pioneers in the Universalist Church.

Early in October 1843 the church was dedicated and the first settled minister, the Rev. Charles W. Mellen, was installed. He served the parish three years. Originally, there was a spire on the church; during a severe gale in 1853, it was blown off.

During the pastorate of Rev. C. A. Bradley, 1860 to 1865, the society suffered severe loss from a fire that damaged the auditorium and ruined the organ. The Society, undaunted by this disaster, bravely repaired the damages. So much was done at this time that a rededication service was held. On October 16, 1896, the church and society was incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, the legal name being the Foxborough Universalist Church. Later it was voted to have parish members.

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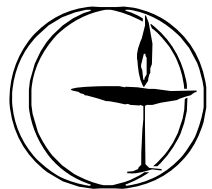
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All Are Welcome!



Are You Looking For

- A faith that grows and changes with the changing times, encouraging diversity and continual spiritual journey?
- A religious education program that encourages children to explore world religions as a foundation for formulating their own beliefs and respecting the beliefs of others?
- A community of people committed to serving the larger community?

Please Join Us for Sunday Services and Religious Education Classes at 10:00 A.M., followed by Friendship Hour. Services are held the Sunday after Labor Day through mid-June.

What We Believe:

Principles Of Unitarian Universalism

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- 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.

The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires our spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.
- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

About The Church Name

The American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America consolidated in 1961. Many congregations kept their original names after the consolidation, though fully consider themselves to be Unitarian Universalist churches. For example, the First Unitarian Church of Providence, RI, is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association, but retains its historical name.

Religious Education

We believe that religion is not something to be given to a child, but something that grows out of direct experiences. Through our religious education classes, children (and adults) are exposed to a wide variety of thoughts and beliefs from many world religions to assist them in developing their own religious philosophy. We believe that religious education is not achieved during one hour on Sundays but is a continuous process influenced by parents, peers, and community members. The Foxborough Universalist Church's Religious Education Program is designed to assist a life-long spiritual journey.

The program's mission is to:

- Teach respect for the inherent worth and dignity of all people
- Emphasize the importance of freedom of religious expression
- Empower our students to develop their beliefs and encourage them to act on their convictions
- Increase our awareness of other cultures and religions, recognizing that we are part of a world community
- Create a positive, enjoyable environment that stimulates natural curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.

To do this, we utilize UUA curriculums and other activities that engage children in the active learning process. One Sunday per month, children remain upstairs in the sanctuary for special intergenerational services.