

Considering Membership

We welcome your interest in joining us and hope that your relationship with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bowling Green will be spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally rewarding.

Together, we have the power and strength to create positive change in our communities and in the world.

Benefits of Membership

- You become part of a vital and dynamic community of faith and action.
- Your voice joins those of thousands of other Unitarian Universalists who speak for social justice, freedom of thought, the worth and dignity of every human being, and environmental action.
- You can vote to make decisions about the budget and other important issues at our congregational meetings and you can vote for candidates for the Board of Directors and for certain committees.
- You can serve as a congregational delegate at regional and national assemblies.
- You can serve on the Board and help guide our congregation into the future.
- You receive all regular church mailings, including our informative bimonthly newsletter.
- You receive UU World, the quarterly magazine from the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Getting Involved

Ways to Make Membership Meaningful

Attending the Sunday service is a very special experience, but over time, many members find it is not enough to sustain their ongoing growth.

We know of no better way to deepen your connection as well as increase your reward than by active engagement in church programs that can give expression to your talents and your calling.

Don't wait! Find a group, program, or activity in which to get involved as soon as possible. This is how you will start "feeling a part of" the church, and in return, the people of UUCBG will become a community for you.

We offer many ways to get involved. Here's a brief sampling of some opportunities for personal and spiritual growth:

- Chalice Circles
- Participation in Sunday Services
- Attending the Contemplative Service and joining other spiritual groups
- Social Justice Events and ongoing work
- "Food for Thought" Evenings
- Sunday Hospitality (greeting or refreshments)
- Religious Education and Exploration
- Gardening
- Caring for each other
- Volunteer Opportunities

And more!

Path to Membership



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Our Mission

*Our mission is to be a caring community
that encourages spiritual growth and
actively works to improve our society
and the environment.*

The Path to Membership is a Journey to Deeper Commitment

Church membership represents a deeper connection with a religious community. To help you discern whether or not membership in the UU Church of Bowling Green is right for you, we encourage you to think about participating in the activities below before making your decision.

- ***Attending several church services.*** Our services follow a similar format each Sunday, but they differ in themes, personalities involved, music, and other items. You may find that you don't enjoy every service, but DO like (very much) most of them.
- ***Reflecting upon our covenants and our mission.*** Members are called upon to support our mission and to live in accordance with our Church Covenant and our Covenant of Right Relations.
- ***Participating in a "Getting to know UU" event.*** This event gives you the opportunity to find out more about the Unitarian Universalism and the programs offered by our church. It also provides you with the benefit of meeting other people who are interested in the UU Church of Bowling Green, along with church members who can answer your questions.
- ***Speaking personally with the minister or member of the Membership Committee.*** Sometimes, it helps to simply talk one-to-one with another person if you have questions about the church, membership expectations, or want to talk more about your own spiritual journey and how it might be supported here. It's easy to set up a meeting with the Rev. Connolly or with one of the members of the Membership Committee. Just talk to one of the greeters on Sunday or call the church office at 270-842-4060.
- ***Reviewing the church bylaws.*** Not everyone is interested in looking over the governing documents of the church, but we encourage you to do so. The documents show the basic structure of church governance and the processes through which decisions are made, and members are expected to abide by them. A copy of our bylaws is on the church website in the Members section.
- ***Understanding the responsibility to contribute to the church community.*** Members and friends of the church contribute in meaningful ways to the UU Church of Bowling Green, giving their time and sharing their ideas to the church, in line with their personal talents, energy, and interests. Members are also expected to make a reasonable financial pledge each year, although exceptions can be made when persons are experiencing severe financial hardship. Your gifts help support our church's programs, pay for the buildings, support the minister, RE teachers, and office staff, and continue our outreach programs in the larger community.
- ***Expressing an interest in joining.*** Easy! Just talk with the Rev. Connolly after church or contact him at revconnolly@gmail.com, call the church office (270-842-4060), or talk with one of the Membership Committee folks.

Becoming a Member

When you decide to become a member, you will be invited to participate in a ceremony on Membership Sunday. You will affirm your commitment to our mission, our covenants, our church, and your fellow members. Then you will be invited to sign the membership book. After the ceremony, you will be asked to complete a financial pledge form and fill out the new-member form with your contact information and information on your personal and professional interests and skills.

Pledge of Membership

I am here today to join my flame with yours, to commit myself to uphold the UU Principles and Purposes and the Mission and Covenant of this congregation.

I will try to live my life according to these values.

I understand that my presence is essential to my personal growth and the life of the congregation.

I will be intentional in my search for truth and understanding.

I will share in the work of this congregation by giving of my time, talents, and treasures.

Our Covenant

We promise to live in harmony and civility, with awareness, tolerance, acceptance, and celebration of our diversity. We commit ourselves to enthusiastic support of our Fellowship and of the Unitarian Universalist tradition through our individual gifts and talents.