



Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Church  
**Newcomer's Guide**

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Gathering Together

Nurturing the Spirit

Living Our Vision  
of a Just and  
Sustainable World

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Welcome to EUUC  
from our Staff and Board.

We look forward to  
meeting you.

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# ATTENDING ON SUNDAYS

## ***Service Schedule***

From the beginning of September through late spring, EUUC offers Sunday services that start at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. and last approximately one hour. During the summer, we meet at 10 a.m. each Sunday. There are a few exceptions to this schedule. To confirm times, please call the church office or check our website, [www.euuc.org](http://www.euuc.org).

## ***Helping Us Get to Know You***

Please complete a Guest Registry Form and guest name tag at the Welcome Desk near the main entrance. If you return your name tag to the basket on the Welcome Desk when you leave, it will be available for your next visit.

## ***Newcomers' Coffee***

We invite you to meet with EUUC members following the service. Our informal Newcomers' Coffee is held near the round table in the Narthex (just outside of our sanctuary, Chapman Hall). Help yourself to the beverage of your choice and we'll see you there!

## ***Staying in Touch***

You can use the Guest Registry form to request a four-month free subscription to our monthly newsletter, the CommUUnicator. You can also request free online updates which include a weekly email bulletin and a monthly email that links to an online copy of the newsletter.

## ***Connections Sundays:***

Once a month, the Membership Committee hosts a reception for newcomers, lunch, and an informal class following second service. For schedule information, visit [www.euuc.org](http://www.euuc.org) or inquire at the Welcome Desk.

Current Newcomer Series:

- UU101 UUism — An Introduction: Beliefs, History, and Polity
- UU102 Building Community: UU/EUUC Culture and Membership Expectations
- UU103 Getting Involved

# ATTENDING WITH CHILDREN

Welcome to EUUC's religious education program for children and youth!

The following highlights contain information you may need on your first visit with us. Additional information is available on the EUUC website, [www.euuc.org](http://www.euuc.org), and at the Lifespan Religious Education table in the Narthex. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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### ***Infants - Soundproof Viewing Room Available***

Services can be viewed and heard from the soundproof Infant Room in the northeast corner of the Narthex. This is a comfy place for parents with babes in arms.

### ***Toddlers***

Tender loving care for walkers through young four-year-olds is available in the Toddler Room before and during services. Children must be signed in and out.

### ***Children (Grades K-8)***

On most Sundays, children start in their classrooms. Typically, the third Sunday of the month the children and youth begin with their families in the adult service. Following a Time for All Ages, they recess to classes as the congregation sings them on their way. Feel free to accompany your children to their classes. A volunteer will be available to help you find the correct room. You can join the service as soon as they are comfortable or stay with them as needed.

### ***Senior High Youth Group (Grades 9-12)***

The EUUC Youth Group participants are discerning the best time for the Youth program to meet. It's an experimental year — finding the best method for meeting the needs of this fabulous group of active young people. For current information, contact Layne Richard-Hammock, DLRE.

### ***Adult RE Classes***

Current information is available on the EUUC website and at the Lifespan RE table in the Narthex. Classes and workshops are scheduled for each season.

# INFORMATION RESOURCES

## [www.euuc.org](http://www.euuc.org)

Information about Sunday services, Lifespan Religious Education, social justice, music, news, beliefs, committees, classes, our congregation, and much more. Includes the following publications:

***The CommUUnicator*** (News and Events) Monthly newsletter. The current issue and archived issues are online. For an email or U.S. mail subscription, contact the Administrator or a Welcome Desk volunteer.

***This Week at EUUC*** (News and Events) Weekly bulletin with information on news and activities scheduled for the upcoming week. For information on email subscriptions, contact the Administrator or a Welcome Desk volunteer.

**Calendar** (News and Events) “News and Events” tab or [Calendar](#) link on website. Event dates, times, and places.

***Program Guide*** (Getting Involved) Information on groups, committees, and activities. Also available in the RE Foyer.

## [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

News, comments, and friends. Search for both pages: “Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Church” and “Edmonds UU Youth.”

## [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)

Website for the Unitarian Universalist Association. Excellent resource for information on Unitarian Universalism, past and present.

## **At EUUC on Sundays**

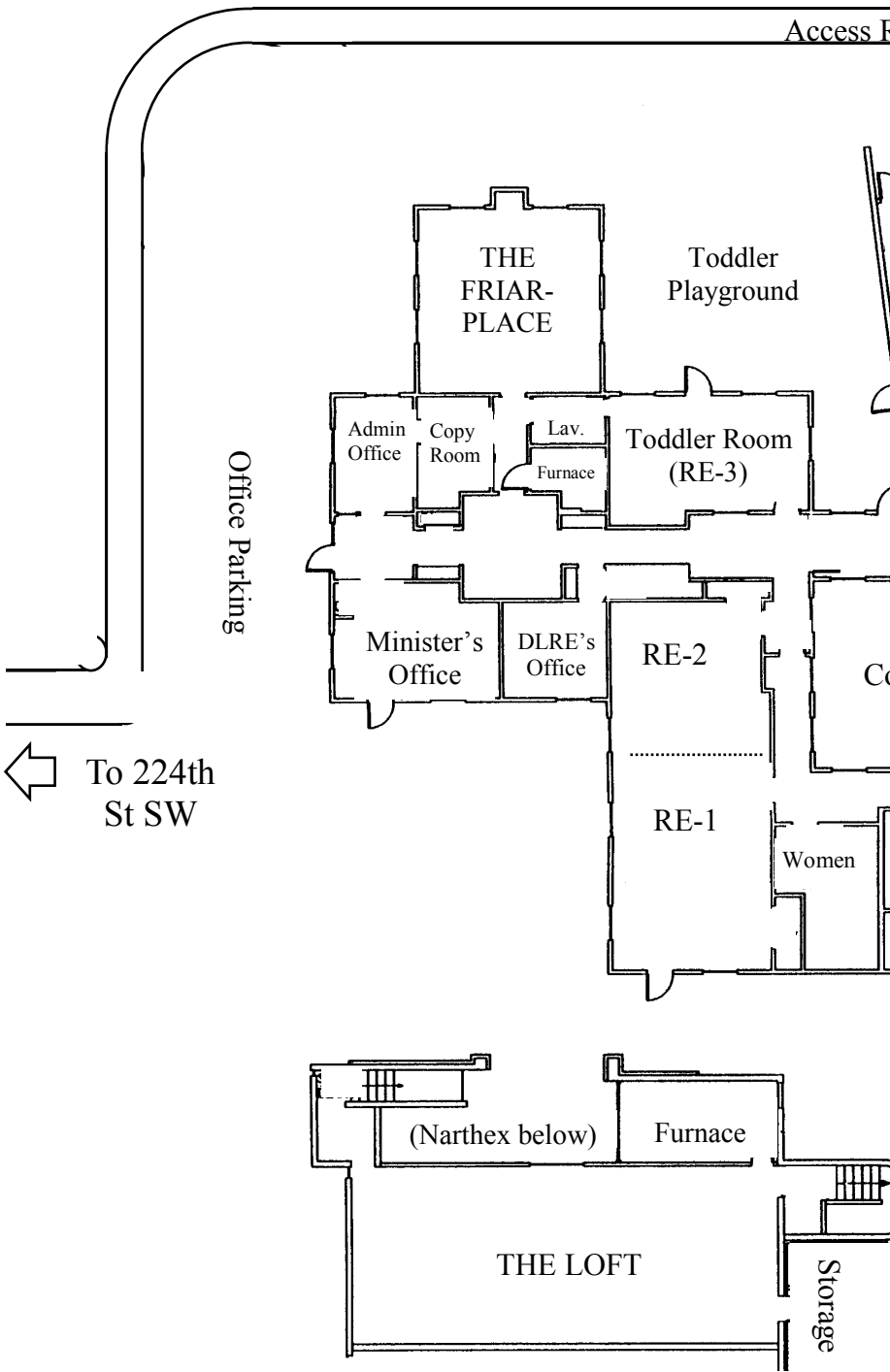
***Sunday Update in the Order of Service*** Announcements and upcoming activities, generally taken from *This Week at EUUC*.

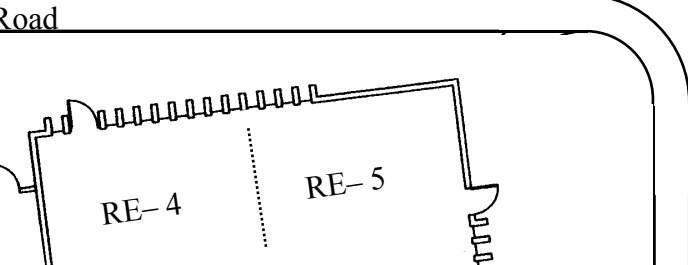
**Pulpit Announcements** A few announcements of interest to a wide spectrum of members and friends, made during the service.

**Bulletin Boards** Posters about EUUC programs, community events, and members in the news.

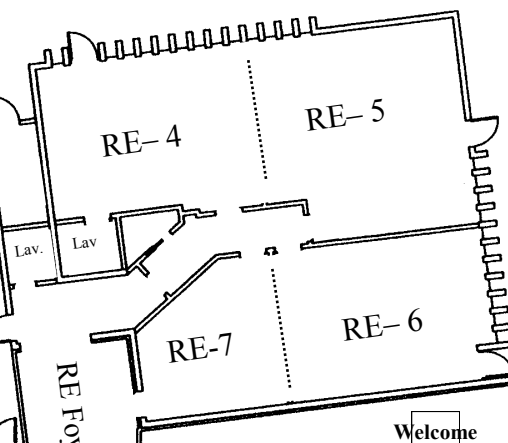
**Narthex Tables** Information about programs and activities.

**Brochures and Books** Brochures on Unitarian Universalist topics are located in a rack in the entry across from the Welcome Desk. A wide variety of books can be found in the Library located near the Newcomers’ Coffee table and the Bookstore at the main entry.

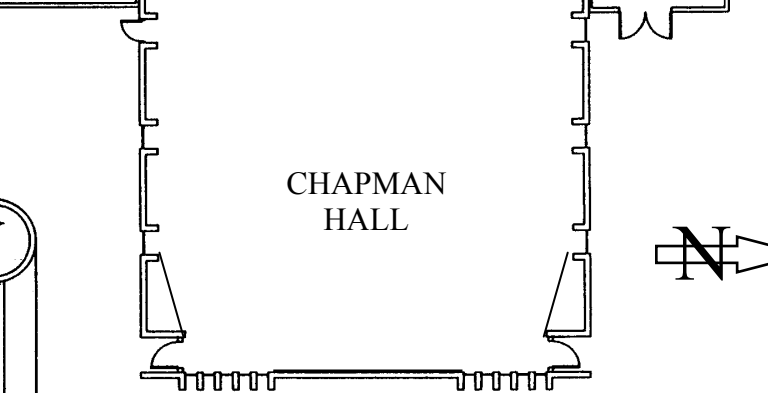
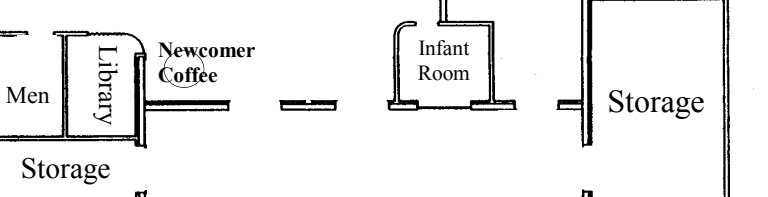




PLAYGROUND



Main Parking



# OUR BELIEFS

The Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Church is a voluntary association of men, women, and children who come together in community to share concerns for the basic questions of life and to frame those inquiries in the context of religion in the largest sense of the word. We agree upon a set of ethical principles for living rather than promoting the acceptance of a specific religious creed.

Each member accepts responsibility for their own belief system based on experience and conscience. The approaches taken by individuals are diverse. Respect for this diversity, celebration of life's fullness, and promotion of social justice unite and enrich us as we work together in religious community.

## ***The Seven 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 us in our ethical and 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.

## ***Famous Unitarians and Universalists***

### **Humanitarians**

Susan B. Anthony, Suffragist

Roger Baldwin, ACLU Founder

Clara Barton, Founder of the American Red Cross

Dorothea Dix, Crusader for the Mentally Ill

Robert Fulghum, Author and EUUC Minister Emeritus

Horace Mann, Founder of the Public School System

William Schulz, Executive Director, Amnesty International, USA

Albert Schweitzer, Missionary Doctor

### **Literature**

Abigail Adams

Margaret Fuller

Horace Greeley

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Nathaniel Hawthorne

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Charles Dickens

Henry David Thoreau

Herman Melville

Louisa May Alcott

Horatio Alger

Beatrix Potter

### **Other**

John Adams, President

Thomas Jefferson, President

John Quincy Adams, President

William Howard Taft, President

Millard Fillmore, President

Benjamin Franklin, Statesman

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Judge

Thomas Paine, Patriot

Paul Revere, Patriot

Frank Lloyd Wright, Architect

Charles Darwin, Naturalist

Pete Seeger, Folk Singer

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP

- Start by coming to services at the church for a while. See how you feel here.
- Stop at the Newcomers' Coffee corner after service. Talk and ask questions.
- Attend a UU-103 class to get an overview of EUUC's programs.
- Read the UUA Principles and Purposes. How do you feel about them?
- Agree to the stated purpose of EUUC in our bylaws:

“The Purpose of this organization shall be as follows: In the spirit of truth, irrespective of its sources, and in the spirit of universal kinship, undivided by nation, race, or creed, we unite to strengthen our convictions in the value of and need for liberal religion, and through the strength of unity to give expression to these convictions as the organization decides.”

- Have a sense of commitment to the EUUC community in spirit, and, as you are able, in service and financial support.
- Attend UU-101 and UU-102 (you can take either class first), and arrange to sign the Membership Book. Contact Kyle Gillis or Lynn Carpenter, Membership Committee Chairs, [membership@euuc.org](mailto:membership@euuc.org) or call the office.
- You will become a voting, policy-making participant in a democratic organization, one that encourages divergent points of view and does its best to respect such differences.
- You will be joining a community of people who hold compatible values and who are working to uphold the dignity and worth of every human being, to preserve and protect the earth's environment, support religious freedom, and promote social justice.



## Welcome to Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Church!

We come here by choice, hopeful about the possibility of the gifts community brings, curious or even anxious about the gifts we must bring to community in order to make it live.

Dr. Howard Thurman, theologian, author, philosopher, educator and civil rights leader wrote, “Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive and then go do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”

Coming alive is what our lives and our congregations ought to be about. So bring who you are in all of your imperfection, need, and glory, and choose to live and choose to help others do the same. You can do that here.

This is a place where your own experience becomes the basis of your truth, and your own commitment joined with ours becomes the basis of creating the world in which we all want to live.

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### *A Welcoming Congregation*

EUUC is very supportive of Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender (GLBIT) people and their families.

We believe that our first principle, respecting “the inherent worth and dignity of every person,” applies equally to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.