

## Welcome!

We welcome all, no matter your theology, education level, age, physical capability, family structure, gender identity or sexual orientation.

Almost every part of the church utilized for events or classes is accessible to people in wheelchairs. We also have an elevator for those unable to climb stairs to access the second floor where our religious education classrooms are located. Our restrooms are accessible as well.

Listening assistance devices are available and may be used anywhere in the sanctuary. Please ask an usher to help you before the Celebration of Life service begins.

Call 502-585-5110 or visit [www.firstulou.org](http://www.firstulou.org) for Celebration of Life service times and topics

Throughout its history, First Unitarian Church's religious principles have encouraged its members' civic and social justice activities: founding public schools; establishing public health programs; promoting women's suffrage; working to end segregation; establishing rights for gay, lesbian and bisexual citizens; and numerous other services to the city's population.

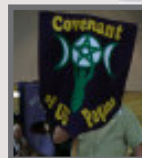
After a fire in 1985 left only exterior walls standing, the congregation voted to remain on the current site, continuing its tradition as an urban church.



Today, social, spiritual, civic and educational activities fill the rooms and sanctuary of First Unitarian as diverse viewpoints and life experiences weave themselves together into a congregation committed to "seek the truth in love."

## Various Groups, Programs and Information

**CUUPS**, (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans), is a free and open community of people who practice earth-based spiritualities. CUUPS holds regular discussions and celebrates the eight seasonal sabbats. All on a positive path are welcome.



[cuups@firstulou.org](mailto:cuups@firstulou.org)

**INTERWEAVE** is dedicated to the spiritual, political, and social well-being of UU's confronting oppression as lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender persons, and their heterosexual allies. All members and friends are welcome.



[interweave@firstulou.org](mailto:interweave@firstulou.org)

**WOMEN'S ALLIANCE** is open to all women in the church. The group meets for discussions, activities, socials and special events.



[womensalliance@firstulou.org](mailto:womensalliance@firstulou.org)

**ROMEO's** (Retired Older Men Eating Out) meets monthly at a local restaurant for grub and gab.

**UU CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** (UUCF) is for those with an interest in Christianity, whether believers, seekers, doubters, or skeptics.

**PARTNER CHURCH** - First Unitarian Church has a Partner church in the small Transylvanian city of Nagyenyed in Romania.

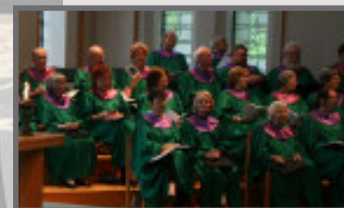
**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUM** meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Church Library, and provides presentations and discussions of general interest in religious studies.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** is offered for children--toddlers through high school. [dre@firstulou.org](mailto:dre@firstulou.org)

**OUR WHOLE LIVES** (OWL) is a comprehensive sexuality curriculum, offering age-appropriate sexuality education for kindergarten through adult.

**YOUTH GROUPS** meet regularly for middle school and senior high youth. [dre@firstulou.org](mailto:dre@firstulou.org)

**CHALICE NIGHT** on Wednesdays provides opportunities for spiritual, theological and intellectual growth as well as community building and social action.



**CHOIR** sings every other Sunday, and practices on Thursday evenings and/or Sunday mornings.

[music@firstulou.org](mailto:music@firstulou.org)

**BROWNBAGGERS** involves older members of the church who meet monthly to hear speakers, take field trips, and to socialize.

**CIRCLE SUPPERS** include people of various age groups who socialize in each other's homes or in restaurants.

**COVENANT GROUPS** are small groups who meet monthly to listen deeply to one another and to participate in service projects.

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Steepletalk, the monthly newsletter, is available online: [www.firstulou.org](http://www.firstulou.org)



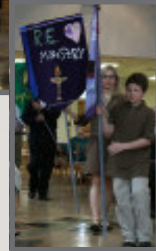
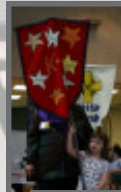
**Minister**  
**Rev. Dawn Cooley**  
 minister@firstulou.org

## Ministries

The **Ministry Council** coordinates the ministry activities of the Church, including implementation of the Church program. It periodically forms multi-ministry task teams, but it functions primarily through the five Ministries:

**Member Ministry** seeks out and implements ways to enrich the spiritual involvement of visitors, members and friends in the life and activities of our Church. It works through Sunday morning hospitality, lay pastoral care, congregational activities, new member welcome and development, connection of congregants with each other and with volunteer opportunities, and oversight of church communications.  
 memberministry@firstulou.org

**Mission and Outreach Ministry** initiates and encourages corporate and individual social action and it coordinates the Church's participation in intra-faith and interfaith activities. It works with the Partner Church program, the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Heartland District, and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.  
 missionandoutreachministry@firstulou.org



**Religious Education Ministry**, working closely with the Director of Religious Education, is responsible for congregant faith development through educational programming for children, youth, and adults of all ages. It works through Sunday morning and Wednesday evening religious education classes and fora, Youth Groups, and Our Whole Lives (sexuality education) and Coming of Age (adolescent mentoring) programs.

religiouseducationministry@firstulou.org

**Resources Ministry** coordinates the resources that logistically accomplish the work of the Church, caring for our building and property. It works through teams that maintain the house and grounds, attend to aesthetic considerations, operate sound and lighting systems, and monitor building use.

resourcesministry@firstulou.org

**Worship Ministry** works closely with the Minister and the Director of Music to create and support varied worship services, including Sunday morning Celebrations of Life, Chalice Night Centering Services, and special services. The Ministry attends to myriad details including ushers, instrumentalists, pulpit supply in the Minister's absence, worship associates, stories for all ages, and many others.  
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Imagine a church  
 where different beliefs are  
 what bring people together ...



## First Unitarian Church

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 community and our world since 1830

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