

## INTEREST AREAS, ACTIVITIES, AND TASKS

# *How UUFSM Works*



## *This Fellowship Is In Your Hands*

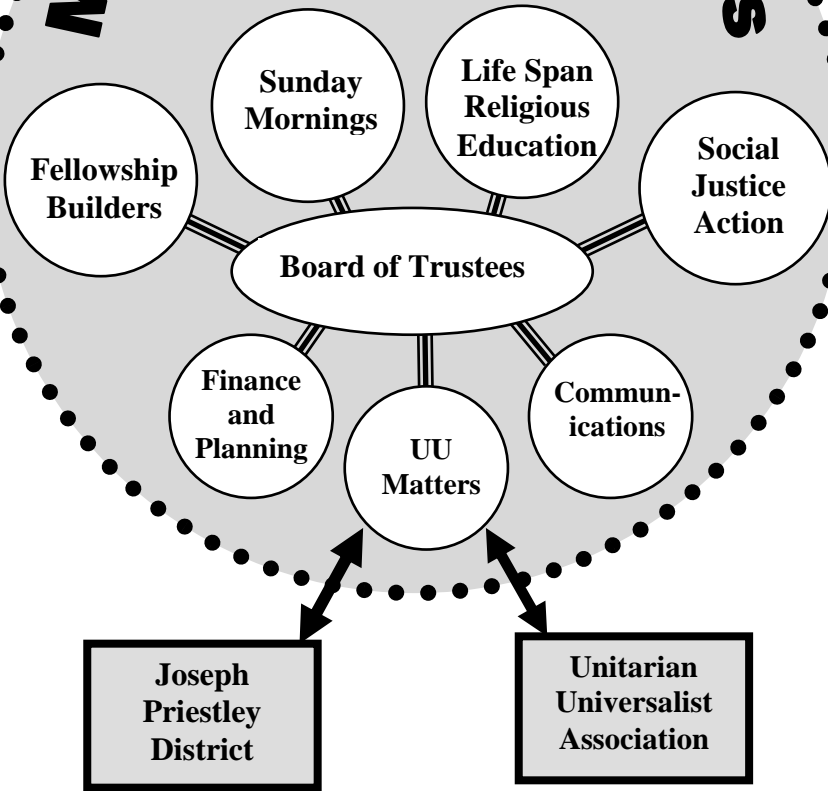
UUFSM members and friends work together to foster an open and caring community, to encourage people in their spiritual quests, and to work together in service to all.

To accomplish our mission, we coordinate our activities and work together in small groups toward a common goal. Being on a committee or a team is a wonderful way to meet other members and friends of the Fellowship, to learn from them, and to appreciate their skills and talents. Working together builds friendships and helps our Fellowship thrive and grow.

*Find the areas that are right for you!*

# Members and Friends

## UUFSM



*The Community and the World*

# *How is UUFSM organized?*

We have seven Interest Areas at UUFSM; each has various activities and tasks. Each Area has a Board Liaison, who offers assistance and advice, coordinates, oversees budgets, and signs vouchers. People organize themselves as they see fit by forming Teams, Task Forces, and Committees<sup>1</sup>. We also have Circles for fun, sharing, and learning.

The spirit of the individual is nurtured on **Sunday Mornings** and through **Life Span Religious Education's** classes, Learning Circles, and Discussion Circles. People involved with **Social Justice** work together in service to all. **Fellowship Builders** foster our open and caring community and support Sharing Circles, Social Circles, and Worship Circles.

To support us in reaching our goals, we rely on **Finance and Planning** for the resources we need, and on **Communication** for helping us stay connected with each other and for sharing our message.

**UU Matters** deals with the workings of the Fellowship and with the Joseph Priestley District (JPD) and the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). The JPD and the UUA provide support, information, and resources to congregations. The **Board of Trustees** oversees the entire Fellowship and helps to coordinate the different interest areas.

When you have an interest in an area, you can be involved in one or more of its activities or tasks. You're not expected to do them all. Most groups meet once a quarter to plan. Some Activities happen only once or twice a year.

**To get involved in an Area, contact the Board Liaison , attend a meeting, or join the group on the website.**

*What are your areas of interest?*

*Which teams will you join?*

*Turn the page to find out more.*

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<sup>1</sup> *The Nominating Committee and the Endowment Committee are specified in the bylaws.*



## Sunday Mornings

*encouraging people in their spiritual quests*

**Operations\*** These dedicated team players come early to unlock doors and move chairs, tables, and signs; then put things away.

**Worship** The heart of our Sunday mornings. The Worship Team recruits and assists Service Leaders and coordinates services.

**Chalice Guild\*** Come a little early to transform the cafeteria into a sanctuary.

**Flowers\*** Bring flowers or other centerpieces to brighten our services. A great way to remember a loved one, celebrate a birthday or an anniversary, or share the fruits of your garden.

**Music** People of all ages share their musical talents. Come, share a song with us! Talk to Janeen.

**Choir** The choir rehearses weekly and enhances our services twice a month, with music from folk and jazz to gospel and classical. Always open to new talent! All voice ranges welcome. Talk to Alan.

*\*To volunteer for a Sunday, put your name in the Sign Up book or use our website.*



## Social Justice Action

*working together in service to all*

**Liaisons to UU Service Committee** Work with UUSC on projects such as Guest at Your Table.

**Community Outreach** Coordinate UUFISM's food and gift drives, choose monthly charity, work with local groups

**Earth Care** Work in the community and encourage each other to become more environmentally responsible.

**Civil Rights for All** Work to ensure all are treated fairly.



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# Life-Span Religious Education

*encouraging people in their spiritual quests*

RE@uufsm.org

***Be a part of our future.***

***Be a part of our children's lives.***

*Talk to the RE Chair or Board Liaison to volunteer!*

**RE Admin** The RE Administrators recruit and support teachers and assistants, coordinate schedules, order curricula and supplies. (*2-3 people, meets every quarter*)

**Nursery\*** (*paid position, 2 hours a week, plus assistant*) Provide child-care for ages 0-4 from 10:20-11:40 on Sundays and sometimes at special events. ***Assistants Needed***

**Sunday School\*** Teachers and Assistants are with the children (grades K-6) from 10:45 to 11:30 on Sundays. Crafts, songs, and games enhance the curriculum. (*Teachers and Assistants needed; we take turns so it's not every Sunday.*)

**Youth Group** Teens attend Sunday services and gather at other times for outings and social justice activities.

**Library** Keep track of UUFMS's library of items, write book or movie reviews for the newsletter.

**Adult RE** (adultRE@uufsm.org) Teach or coordinate classes and groups for adult religious education and enrichment: Book and movie clubs, Building Your Own Theology, UU History, Bible Study, etc.

## Circles

***Discussion Circles*** Get together and talk.

*-UU World, UU Life meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at noon*

***Learning Circles*** Religious Exploration for Adults

*-Rise Up and Call Her Name starts January 2012*

*-Newcomers Meets in October, January, and April*

***New circles are encouraged!***



# Fellowship Builders

*fostering an open and caring community*

## **Members and Friends** *membership@uufsm.org*

Encourage people to visit, encourage guests to become friends, and friends to become members. Hold ceremonies and coordinate volunteers.

**Greeters\*** They greet you when you arrive, hand out bulletins, give you your nametag, and welcome newcomers. Sign up to be a greeter today!

**Hospitality\*** Snacks and drinks are always welcome! Pick your week in the sign-up book. Volunteer to make the coffee or help clean up after the service. For a greener world, everyone is encouraged to bring their own cup.

**Hospitality Coordinator** oversees schedule and purchases supplies.

**Social Events** Plan activities such as our anniversary celebration, the Labor Day picnic, an auction, play nights, etc.

**We Care** Help those in need in our Fellowship: coordinate others to send cards, bring food, give rides.

**Mediation** when needed, help people communicate better

## **Circles**

**Sharing Circles** Between 6 and 12 people meet regularly, becoming companions on life's spiritual journey.

-Travelers meets on Fridays evenings, topic "Heart to Heart"

**Worship Circles** Follow a particular spiritual path with others.

-New Moon Rising (*Nature Focused Worship*)

**Social Circles** Have fun together with a common interest

- UU Families TBA

*New circles are encouraged!*



## Communications

If you like to write and to talk with people, if you worked on your high school's year book or newspaper, this is the area for you!

**Directory**

**Pamphlets**

**Weekly Bulletin**      [bulletin@uufsm.org](mailto:bulletin@uufsm.org)

**Monthly Newsletter**

**Web Services**      [webmaster@uufsm.org](mailto:webmaster@uufsm.org)

**Publicity**

**Historian**

**Document Review** (*when needed*)

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## Finance & Planning

**Board Liaison:** [Treasurer@uufsm.org](mailto:Treasurer@uufsm.org)

If you're comfortable with numbers, if you're creative with fundraising ideas, or if you like planning ahead, then join other UUFSMers on these vital tasks!

### FINANCE

**Collection Plate** collect and count offerings on Sundays

**Bookkeeping**

### PLANNING

**Canvass and Budgeting** canvass people to ask for their time, treasure, and talent, then develop budget for next year

**Stewardship** fundraising, apply for grants, oversee funds

**Land and Building Search** look for a UUFSM home

**Endowment Committee** manage our investment fund (*This committee is defined in the bylaws.*)



## UU Matters

**Nominating Committee** Recruit leaders and board members. The term is two years. 3 members. Cannot serve on the Board. (*This committee is defined in the bylaws.*)

**Search Team** (*when needed*) Help create UUFMSM's future by finding the right person for a job.

**Liaisons to:**

- Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
- Joseph Priestley District and/or Washington Area UUs
- UU Congregation of the Chesapeake
- Chalice Lighters (every other year, encourage people to join)
- Minister
- Employees



## UUFMSM Board of Trustees

*board@uufsm.org*

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<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Liaison</b>	<b>Term</b>
Chair	Jim Stubbs	<i>Religious Education</i>	2011-2012
Vice Chair	Katy Boyd	<i>Social Justice</i>	2010-2012
Secretary	Barbara Clark	<i>UU Matters</i>	2010-2012
Treasurer	Debs Szymkowiak	<i>Finance</i>	2011-2013
Member	James Walker	<i>Sundays Morning</i>	2010-2012
Member	Joyce Judd	<i>Fellowship Builders</i>	2011-2013
Member	Janeen Grohsmeyer	<i>Communication</i>	2011-2013

*Board Members are elected in June for a two-year term and can not be on the Nominating Committee.*