

“UU” A to Z

A brief glossary of “UU” terms.

We're glad you're interested in learning more about our unique, free, liberal religious community. To make you feel more welcome, here's a brief glossary of terms you may hear around here.

- A Adult Religious Education**
Includes Sunday 9:30 a.m. topical discussion groups.
- B Bazaar**
Our big (crafts & food) fundraiser the first Saturday in November.
- C Chalice**
The flaming chalice of light and warmth: the symbol of our church.
- D DRE**
Director of Religious Education, Nadine Tringali. RE (Religious Education) is available to all ages.
- E Environmentally Friendly**
We are a Green Sanctuary congregation, caring for creation. (See the UU seventh principle).
- F Friend of the Congregation**
A regular participant in church activities that has not signed the membership book.
- G GLBT** (Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transsexual) people are welcome here. We are a Welcoming Congregation.
- H Harvest Feast**
Our annual church-wide Thanksgiving dinner.
- I Interfaith and Inclusive.**
Believers from all world religions as well as nonbelievers are welcome in our congregation.
- J Joys and Sorrows**
A portion of each Sunday service for sharing personal news of special significance.
- K Knowledge,**
scientific and reasoned. We encourage the use of the scientific method and reason in addressing societal issues.
- L Liberal Religion,**
free inquiry, non-creedal. This church is based on religious freedom of the individual, encourages critical thought, and embraces no creed.
- M Membership Committee**
is available to answer questions (the committee members have red ribbons on their name tags).

N**Name tags**

Permanent name tags may be requested at any time by members or friends.

O**Open Book Ceremony**

An opportunity to sign the membership book and officially become a voting member of this UU church.

P**Pokagon State Park**

The location of the annual church retreat in September for members and friends.

Q**Quiet Reflection,**

prayer, meditation: an important part of each Sunday service.

R**Revival Hour**

A weekly, informal *get-together* at a local restaurant for a meal and conversation.

S**Santa Lucia**

A celebration each December in honor of the traditional Swedish holiday of lights (candles).

T**Thomas (Perchlik)**

Our minister, who likes to be called "Thomas".

U**Unigram**

Our bi-weekly newsletter: a great way to learn about what's happening in our church community.

UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association) National association of UU churches to which local churches belong (uuu.org).

V**Volunteer**

We support many social justice efforts, locally, nationally and globally.

W**Worship Associates**

A group of lay leaders who facilitate the morning church service.

X**X: The Unknown**

We recognize the mysteries of existence and don't offer pre-packaged answers for life's big questions.

Y**Young Adult,**

youth group: we have programs for all ages.

Z**Zest!**

Members and friends of this congregation are active, interested and engaged in many, many things.



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