

Welcome to West Shore!

You walked through the church door for a reason. Perhaps you are seeking a community of people who share your values. Perhaps you want Sunday School for your children. Maybe you are looking for a place to slow down, reflect and connect with your own values and others who share those values. Maybe you are interested in developing your own spiritual life but want freedom from religious dogma.

Whatever the reason, you are welcome here.

New to Unitarian Universalism?

- **Getting to Know Unitarian Universalism.** A 50-minute introduction to Unitarian Universalism and West Shore.
- **Path to Membership.** An evening conversation about the benefits and expectations of membership.

Rites of Passage

Weddings/Commitment Ceremonies.

Couples find West Shore to be an ideal location for weddings and receptions. Call Administrator Deb Lydon at 440-333-2255, ext. 100, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Memorial Services

Memorial Services at West Shore are focused on the elements of a person's life that gave it meaning. To plan a memorial service, contact Reverend Kathleen Rolenz: 440-333-2255, ext. 115 or by email: krolenz@wsuuc.org

Child Dedications (Baptisms)

This ceremony welcomes new life into a family and/or church community. Contact Rev. Rolenz (440-333-2255, ext. 115).

From West Shore Members

Members were asked "What keeps you coming back to West Shore? Here's what they said..."

"I joined the church because of what I didn't have to believe; I've stayed because I found so much to believe in."

"In this church I found the courage to be myself and find my authentic self."



"This church keeps me from being seduced by the material, commercial world. That one hour on Sunday morning is my time to remember my values, priorities, and my dreams. I can't imagine how I would have lived my life without that."

"This church's children's programs mirror my values. There is a strong connection between my church and my home."

"This church saved me, spiritually, from leaving religion."

Principles & Sources

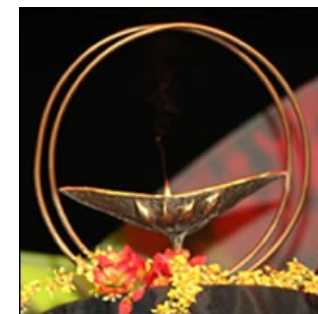
There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregations affirm and promote:

- 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.

ONE CHURCH  MANY PATHS
WEST SHORE UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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at

West Shore
Unitarian Universalist
Church



Our vision:

*To inspire more
people to lead lives
of meaning
and purpose*

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Connect

We're about connecting with our highest values and with others who share them.



Parish Co-Ministers
Reverends
Kathleen Rolenz &
Wayne Arnason

Connecting with Others

Coming to a worship service on Sunday morning is the first step in connecting with others at West Shore. The rest of the week provides opportunities get to know other members in small groups as well as through volunteer service, task forces, committees

Worship

What do Unitarian Universalists worship? Unitarian Universalists refer back to the original meaning of the word, "to honor those things of worth." For some, the focus of worship is God; for others, the mystery of human existence is the inspiration for worship. The point of Sunday mornings at West Shore is to inspire our members, friends and visitors towards a deeper understanding of the meaning and purpose of our lives.

Join us on Sunday Mornings:

Beginning the Sunday after Labor Day
9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Summer Schedule begins on Mother's Day
One Service 10:30 a.m.

Grow

We're about growing
Towards spiritually maturity.

West Shore's religious philosophy is that the search to lead a life of meaning and purpose never ends.

Opportunities for Growth Lifespan Faith Development



West Shore's Lifespan Faith Development Program is dedicated to helping children to connect to their deepest values, grow into spiritually mature adults and serve needs greater than their own. The Lifespan Faith Development Team is committed to provide the highest quality religious education programming for children, youth, young adults, adults and elders.

Children & Youth Religious Education
9:30 and 11:15 a.m. begins 2nd Sunday in September
One session of Church School begins on Mother's Day
Adult Religious Education

West Shore's programs offer a variety of opportunities to engage your mind, your body, your heart and your spirit. More information can be found on the church website, in the pamphlet rack and in the monthly church newsletter, "Shorelines."

Serve

We're about serving needs
greater than our own.



Service to the community is part of what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist and a member of West Shore. West Shore has an impressive history of working together to make a difference in the world. We have three main areas of focus for our social justice efforts.

Hunger & Homelessness

- **The Hunger Task Force** provides food for the hungry.
- **Interfaith Hospitality** offers housing in the church building for families who are temporarily without homes.
- **Homeless on Hilliard.** Youth from West Shore spend the night outside in the winter to spotlight the plight of those without homes.

Anti-Racism & Multicultural Work

- The Diversity Change Team; The Inclusivity Ministry Team; The Queer & Allies Group; Partner Church, Transylvania

Environmental Action

Green Sanctuary. West Shore is a certified Green Sanctuary Church of the Unitarian Universalist Association and active in eco-justice concerns.