

## North Parish Mission Statement

North Parish of North Andover is a vital, growing Unitarian Universalist congregation with a rich history and welcoming spirit. We welcome all visitors and seekers and invite you to visit us on a Sunday morning or for any of the many community events we offer.

- *We covenant together to be a welcoming spiritual community, where all are safe and free to search for spiritual meaning in their own ways.*
- *We find strength in the many forms of diversity.*
- *In the Unitarian Universalist tradition, we covenant to take responsibility for the growth of ourselves and of our children.*
- *We encourage all to participate in congregational governance.*
- *We strive to continue our historical role of being catalysts for progressive change in the local communities.*
- *Through active personal involvement we advocate for social justice in our local communities, our nation, and the world.*
- *We do this in the context of the Unitarian Universalist principles and from the perspective of our place in the intricate web of life.*

## Unitarian Universalism, What We Believe

*"...in the inherent worth and dignity of every person."*

There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist 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.

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## Welcome



The North Parish of North Andover

Rev. Lee Bluemel  
Minister

## **Worship Services**

Worship services are held every Sunday at 9am and 11am from September through June. During the summer, we host a single service at 10 am. Everyone is welcome to attend any service. When visiting, please fill out a guest registry form (found on a podium next to the doors to the sanctuary or ask an usher). A letter from the minister and information regarding expressed interests will be mailed to you.

## **Religious Education for Children & Youth**

We offer a Sunday morning children's program at 9 am and 11 am from September through June. Children in pre-K through fifth grade meet in small classes where they explore holidays, traditions, wisdom stories and engage in social action projects. We also have active Junior (grades six, seven, and eight) and Senior (ninth through twelfth) Youth Groups. Please see our Religious Education brochure for a full listing of youth programming.

## **Nursery**

Under the supervision of an adult staff member and paid teen attendant, nursery care is available for infants and children under age 4 during and between worship services.

## **Spiritual Renewal for Adults**

North Parish offers a number of programs that support the ongoing spiritual development of our adult members. Our Center for Spiritual Renewal hosts, sponsors and offers programs open to the community. We also offer a "New UU" class three times a year—in the fall, winter and spring. This three-session class is for people interested in Unitarian Universalism, in North Parish specifically, who are new members or who are interested in becoming members. Contact Carolyn Zimmer at 687-687-7948 or [MembershipCoordinator@northparish.org](mailto:MembershipCoordinator@northparish.org) to find out when the next class begins.

## **Getting Involved**

There are many ways to get involved at North Parish, and we welcome your participation. One of the best ways to get involved is to participate in one of North Parish's many small groups. Small groups are a great way to find a deeper sense of connection and community.

We also have a vibrant music community, including: adult vocal choir, handbell choir, youth choir, ensembles, holiday concerts, musical revues and monthly Coffeehouse concerts.

North Parish is active in the community. Some of the volunteer opportunities and social action projects include: Green Sanctuary, Bread & Roses Meals for the Homeless, Habitat for Humanity, Jericho Road, and the People's Pantry.

## **Governance**

Church officers and the Board of Trustees are elected annually by the members. The Board of Trustees has fiduciary responsibility between annual meetings and also focuses on long range planning. Another governing body, the Parish Council, is comprised of chairs from a number of central committees, which carry out the activities of the church. Both the Board and Parish Council meet monthly.

## **Membership**

The North Parish is a Welcoming Congregation that celebrates the diversity of its membership. We promote the full participation of persons in all of our activities, including membership, without regard to race, color, gender, physical or mental challenge, sexual orientation, age, class, or national origin.

Once you find that North Parish and Unitarian Universalism is what you have been searching for and our principles hold true for you, then consider becoming a member. Membership forms are available during coffee hour, from the minister or the church office. Two or three times a year we hold new member welcome Sundays. Time is set aside during these services to formally recognize our new members. It is a very meaningful time for old and new members alike as we welcome you into the North Parish community.