## Lifespan Religious Education

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Our ministry of education actively involves the entire church community. By sharing our passions, beliefs, and actions, we strive to engage our children and youth through curricula, social justice projects, worship, and multigenerational special events. Whether we are gaining

a greater understanding of our own Unitarian Universalist Principles or learning about other religious beliefs and customs, we nurture and guide our young people in their own faith formation in a safe and fun atmosphere where compassion and tolerance are encouraged.



#### **ADULTS**

Our Adult Education programs strengthen a loving inclusive community. You may participate in workshops, lectures, and classes that provide opportunities to form relationships, delve into new ideas, enjoy self discovery, and come to a deeper understanding of our place in the world. Topics in the past have included: World Religions, End of Life Issues, Non-Violent Communication, Mindfulness Meditation, UU Theology, and Deep Ecology. We always find new areas of interest to explore.





### Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church

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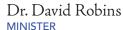
Sunday Service: 10:15 a.m. after Labor Day to mid-June

#### Religious Education Classes:

For ages 3+ during Sunday worship Nursery care provided

Choir Rehearsal: 8:45 a.m. Sundays





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### SUNDAYS...



### We Welcome You!

The Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church is a joyous community of members and friends who share a liberal religious tradition that respects the individual search for spiritual understanding and meaningful life.

Our congregation welcomes you regardless of race, ethnicity, religious background, age, or ability. As a Unitarian Universalist Welcoming Congregation, we offer a church home for LGBTQ people.

#### **SUNDAY MORNINGS**

Our Sunday worship service is the center of our congregational life. A typical service reflects our Judeo-Christian heritage with music, sharing of joys and concerns, readings from many sources, and a sermon drawing on a wide range of themes: traditions of many faiths, history, world philosophy, social justice, and scientific insights.

A Community Hour in the UU tradition follows the worship service where you can mingle and meet old and new friends. If you are a visitor, please stop by our Visitors' Table to learn more about our congregation and our faith.

#### **HOW TO JOIN US**

Membership is open to anyone sympathetic to the principles and purposes of our Unitarian Universalist faith. No creed is required. Joining our church is as simple as meeting with the minister and signing the membership book.



### Our Church Community

#### WE ENJOY AN ACTIVE CHURCH LIFE

Our members and friends have diverse interests and many talents that find expression in activities throughout the church year. Whether teaching a religious education class, joining a book discussion, volunteering at the rummage



sale or Community Supper, you can find opportunities for companionship and service.

Music is an indispensable and vital part of our church life. The choir sings twice a month; we host Open Stage on First Friday; and our many

gifted musicians enrich Sunday services and offer other special musical events.

Throughout the year, social events for all ages include themed potluck dinners, Parents' Luncheons, Circle Suppers in members' homes, Barbeque & Blues, and the Harvest Dinner.

#### WE CARE ABOUT EACH OTHER

Our church family cares. If you have a joy, illness, or sorrow, our dedicated Care Committee is ready to respond to your needs for the short and long term. The type of support varies but typically includes meals, visits, transportation, or emergency support.

### The Larger Community

#### WE STAND FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

As an integral expression of religious life, our congregation shares in the longstanding Unitarian Universalist tradition of acting to promote social justice. Our Social Justice Committee is often a catalyst in presenting opportunities to raise individual and collective awareness and "walk our talk" with events such as public forums, film series, political advocacy, letter writing, and fund raising.

### A TRUE COMMUNITY SUPPER FOR 10 YEARS



Every Wednesday evening, with the help of dedicated church volunteers and high school students, we prepare and provide a fresh, free spaghetti dinner for over 100 people.

### WE PRESERVE THE PAST AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Our congregation takes pride in our historic church. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this 1825-26 Bullfinch-styled structure is a beautiful and familiar Main Street landmark and provides space for community arts and nonprofit service



organizations to meet and perform. The first Unitarian congregation's minister Abiel Abbot began a lyceum here in 1830 which continued through the nineteenth century. Revived in 1970, the Monadnock Summer Lyceum today brings distinguished speakers throughout the summer.

Demonstrating our commitment to the environment, our congregation has worked to earn the Unitarian Universalist Association's designation as a Green Sanctuary by investing in an energy efficient building and practicing ways to reduce our carbon footprint.