

Mission Statement

The members and friends of First Church in Jamaica Plain, Unitarian Universalist, join together in a common respect for the beliefs and feelings of all:

To worship God, or to pursue our own spiritual path;

To celebrate the sacred in sanctuary and ritual, and to support one another in our individual journey toward truth;

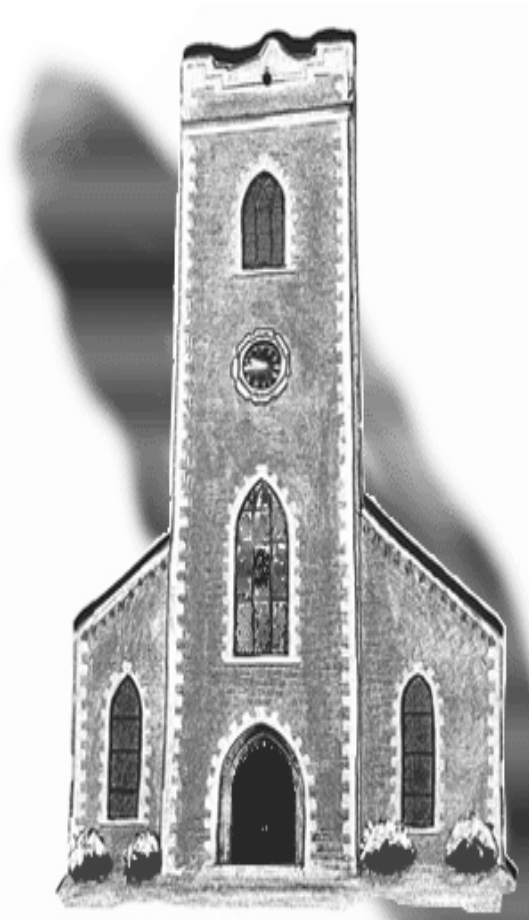
To cherish the divine and creative spirit within each person;

To encourage diversity within our congregation, promote our liberal church tradition, and welcome all those who wish to come together with us;

To honor the wisdom of generations past, to use those lessons wisely in our time, and to share what we have learned with young and old;

To be a good neighbor and committed member of our urban community and

To provide a base for good works in our city and beyond, and to promote peace and social justice in our world.



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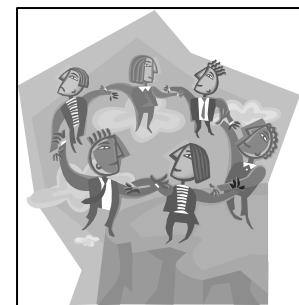
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PROGRAMS
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Adult Religious Education: Current Adult RE opportunities are listed in the order of service, weekly newsletter or on the website at www.firstchurchjp.org. **Contact:** Terry Burke at berryturke@aol.com.

Book Group: Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm to discuss, debate and decipher varying novels. These will be listed in the weekly newsletter. People are welcome to any given discussion. **Contact:** Giulia Norton at gnorton1@gmail.com.

Choir: For all who love to sing, even if you cannot read music. The adult choir rehearses every other Thursday at 8:00 pm. **Contact:** Ellen McGuire at etut53@aol.com.

Friday Night Flicks: Movie and pizza nights frequently through-out the year (monthly). This is a youth event that features pizza and snacks, potluck dessert, film and discussion. **Contact:** Janna Frelich at jmfrelich@rcn.com.

Fundraising: Fundraisers are a great way to meet people and we are always looking for new fundraising ideas! **Contact:** Laurie Corkum at lmukroc@yahoo.com with your suggestions.

Jamaica Plain Forum: Conversations on the great issues shaping our neighborhood and our planet. **Contact:** Chuck Collins and Sarah Schwartz at jamaicaplainforumsarah@gmail.com.

Religious Education: Provides classes for preschoolers through teens, educating them in the principles of UU faith, the basics of all major world religions, and the spirit of worship and ritual. We have nursery care for infants and toddlers, and a youth group for older teens. **Contact:** Andree Zaleska at zaleska@aczaleska.com.

Talks: Periodic talks by George Wardle, our historian, on the church's history, and our minister Rev. Terry Burke, on the history of Unitarian Universalism. These will be listed in the weekly newsletter.

COMMITTEES:

Building Maintenance: Responsible for the appearance and maintenance of the church. **Contact:** Anne Brown at lzab@rcn.com. To rent the building please **contact** Monroe Heyman at mheyman02130@aol.com.

Caring Committee: Coordinates support for members and friends in times of personal crisis and need, such as transportation, shopping, friendly visits and hugs. **Contact:** Carol Bell at cbell2@partners.org.

Canvass Committee: Plans and coordinates the Annual Commitment Campaign (March through April) to support our operating budget. Performs a continuing canvass throughout the year for new members and friends. **Contact:** Giulia Norton at gnorton1@gmail.com.

Denominational Affairs: Serves as liaison between the church and the UUA, keeping the congregation informed about what is going on in the larger UU World and attends GA where members represent the church in voting on world issues. **Contact:** Karl Haakonsen at cityhawk@pobox.com.

Finance Committee: Works with Treasurer and other lay leaders to maintain the financial health of the church, prepares annual operating budget for the congregation, overseeing the commitment campaign, maintains pledge records and help everyone better understand financial stewardship. **Contact:** Margaret Suby at margaretsuby@msn.com.

Membership Committee: Provides membership and denominational information to potential and new members. Promotes opportunities to strengthen ties between members and friends with such things as breakfasts/coffee hour. Provides outreach and follow-up with new visitors. Creates church/informational brochures, manages name tags and co-ordinates greeters! Please sign up to greet or to do coffee hour! **Contact:** Cherisse Haakonsen at cherprieve@yahoo.com.

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Ministerial Committee: This is a support and feedback group for the minister; If you have comments/feedback that you would like to share. **Contact:** Margaret Suby at margaretsuby@msn.com. Members of this committee are selected by the minister.

Religious Education: Facilitates the religious education program. **Contact:** Andree Zaleska at zaleska@aczaleska.com.

Social Justice Committee: This vibrant committee is working with the Sojourner House, coordinates a prison pen-pal initiative, host letter-writing tables on selected topics. Contact them with any ideas you have and bring your energy! First Church is also a member of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization. **Contact:** Marshall Hawkins at mhawkins@gis.net.

Standing Committee: The Standing Committee manages the church. Contact Giulia Norton at gnorton1@gmail.com if you have questions about church governance. We have 7 elected members who serve 3-year terms, the Finance Chair, Clerk, and Minister. If you are interested in joining, **contact** Laurie Corkum, who coordinates nominations every spring. **Contact:** Laurie Corkum at lmukroc@yahoo.com.

Trustees: The Trustees manage the church's Trust, which provides significant funding for church operations and building repairs and maintenance. **Contact:** George Wardle at george.wardle@verizon.net.

