

Seeking the Spirit, Building Community, Changing the World

**Ten Features Which Have Inspired The Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington
To Grow in Numbers and Depth**

Multigenerational Ministry and Education: Offering ministry and religious education to all ages: children, youth, younger adults, adults and elders; also, affirming the ministry each age cohort offers the congregation and supporting that ministry.

Radical Hospitality: Being intentional with our membership journey and creating a welcoming presence for all.

Expanding Worship Opportunities: Offering two Sunday morning worship services. Adding a monthly mid-week early evening family worship with supper provided, celebrating earth-centered holidays, weekly worship on campus.

Small Group Ministry: Our small group ministry (Chalice Circles) gives participants an opportunity to get to know others while developing a deeper self knowledge by sharing their lives in small, facilitated groups. Chalice Circles consist of seven to ten people who meet regularly to nurture their interior lives, to build community, and to practice shared ministry

Vision and Mission Focus: Creating a workable vision statement and subsequent mission statement which enhances the ministry we share as a community as well as our team ministry.

Governance: Changing to governance models that are appropriate for our size as we grow and change. Seeing growth and change as part of a vital ministry; we respect process, spend time laying groundwork, and stop to breathe in times of anxiety. Laughter also provides excellent spiritual nurturance.

Consultants: Bringing in consultants from our Heartland District, the Unitarian Universalist Association as well as private consultants to help us hear ourselves and empower us to move forward.

Music: Dedicated staff and members who create diverse, high-quality and joyful musical opportunities for all ages.

Social Justice: Looking outward to the local community and the world, and acting for justice from spiritual depth.

Being Human Together. Sharing our tears and laughter, our confusions and clarities, our successes and mistakes, our joys and sorrows as spiritual seekers in a liberal religious community.