

**Board of Trustees:** Elected for the governance of the congregation. The Board serves as more than a fiduciary; it is the Board's job to serve the congregation's mission.

**Budget & Finance Committee:** Monitors the finances of the church and advises the executive and Board of Trustees on developing strategies to meet the financial needs of the church.

**Building & Grounds:** Ensures that BUC's buildings and grounds are maintained in ways that are safe, functional, sustainable, cost-effective, attractive, and in alignment with BUC's strategic plan or annual objectives set by the Board and executive.

**Welcome Team:** Creates a welcoming environment, builds fellowship, and fosters connection.

**Nominating Committee (NC):** identifies and nominates qualified people for the positions on the church Board of Trustees and Stewardship Committee members; recruits candidates for the NC who are presented for election at the Annual Meeting.

**Personnel:** Ensures a productive work environment for BUC personnel consistent with the values of BUC and the UUA.

**Religious Education Committee:** Plans RE fundraisers and social events; source of support, institutional knowledge, and problem-solving for our Director of Religious Education and RE teachers.

**Stewardship:** The practice of sharing our time, talents, and treasure to help foster this beloved community. The Stewardship team organizes and guides the process of BUC members and friends making an annual pledge of financial support.

**Worship Associates:** Work together with the Co-Directors of Music Ministry, Director of Religious Education, the minister, and each other to plan and lead meaningful worship services.



**Our Mission is to create a free and welcoming religious community that encourages lives of integrity, learning, service and joy.**


# BUC

## Birmingham Unitarian Church

A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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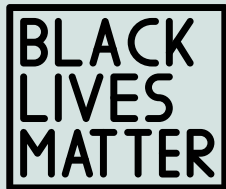
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## Who Are We?

In this Unitarian Universalist congregation, we are people of all faiths, all beliefs, all identities—privileged and marginalized and intersecting—who come together not because we believe the same thing, but because we don't; not because we are the same, but because we're not. And we think that's great.

We believe in celebrating our theological and philosophical differences. We believe in living out our faith by committing to social justice matters like the climate crisis, LGBTQ+ equity, and confronting racism in ourselves and our world.



[bucmi.org](http://bucmi.org)

## Our Worship

The word “worship” means “to make worthy.” In our worship services we name shared values, ideals, and aspirations as worthy. Although some services explore other religious traditions, Unitarian Universalism is the focal point of our worship life and theology.

BUC’s worship services use ritual, words, music, and silence to actively engage our shared values through Unitarian Universalism.

Our worship services lift up messages of liberation and justice. They provide comfort and hope. They transform us and, in turn, our world.



## Welcome to BUC!

We are so glad you’re checking out Birmingham Unitarian Church! We know that visiting a new church can be a big deal, and we’re here to support this first step on your journey.

We encourage visitors to come a few times to get a feel for our community, and don’t hesitate to ask anyone—especially our greeters in the front—if you have a question. No question is too small or too obvious. We’re here to help you get connected!

Be sure to check out our website at [bucmi.org](http://bucmi.org) (scan the code on the front of this booklet) and subscribe to our mailing list. Our once-weekly email update is where you’ll find announcements and information about events and activities at BUC.

**We can’t wait to meet you!**

### MULTIGENERATIONAL SERVICES

Children and youth join with everyone in the Sanctuary, reinforcing and expanding upon classroom experiences.

### REMIX

K–7th Grades  
Exploring Unitarian Universalist values and practices through a variety of hands-on experiences.

### COMING OF AGE

A year-long exploration of Unitarian Universalist theology, history, and practices. In this important ritual of transition from childhood, youth reflect on and define their own beliefs in a credo.

### OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL)

Comprehensive lifespan sexuality education program on relationships, gender identity & expression, sexual orientation, sexual health.

### GUUSH

9th–12th Grade  
Youth-directed high school group, tackling topics and projects of concern to them.

### CHALICE CHOIR

Welcomes singers of all experience levels; sings music from many cultures and eras in four-part harmony. No audition required.

### SOUND MESSENGERS

BUC house band covering a mix of popular music, hymns, and original pieces.

### MAMA’S COFFEEHOUSE

Concerts of fine acoustic music, featuring regional and nationally touring performers. MAMA’s is a nonprofit organization and a production of BUC

### MUSIC COMMITTEE

Energizes, supports, and sustains the diverse and inclusive music program at BUC.



### Living by Heart

A fellowship group that focuses on art as spiritual practice



### UUs for Justice in the Middle East

Educating and mobilizing UUs to greater understanding and action for a just peace in Palestine/Israel

### Social and Environmental Justice

Ministers to the needs of our communities; promotes social, economic, racial, and environmental justice; addresses the climate

### Small Group Ministry

Opportunity for connection in small groups, strengthening the congregation and deepening our understanding of UUism



### Sharing Dinners

Monthly potluck-style dinners held in congregants’ homes; group assignments rotate each month