

MDUUC RENTAL AND SERVICE FEES



MOUNT DIABLO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Fees and charges are determined by the Board of Trustees. Details are available from the church office.

Please see below for an example of costs:

Sanctuary Rental- \$350 use of the Sanctuary for a service (two hours inclusive). Members are not charged for memorial services

David and Beverly Bortin Fellowship Hall- TBD Use of Bortin Fellowship Hall for a reception (due to open late 2008)

Custodial Fee- \$25 per hour is based on the time from opening up through clean up and closing up the church to be paid to the church.

Scattering of Ashes- A fee of **\$200** for scattering of ashes in the Memorial Garden supports perpetual care of the garden.

Ministerial Honorarium- Our ministers do not charge for planning and leading memorial services. If a family wishes to make a donation in appreciation for ministers' services, a \$200-\$350 honorarium may be paid to the Memorial Endowment in honor of the deceased, or to the Ministers' Discretionary Fund, which allows the Ministers to give urgently needed assistance to church members and friends. Payment for services led by a Ministerial Intern or Unitarian Universalist minister other than the church's Co-Ministers should be arranged directly with the ministers involved.

Musician Services- are to be paid directly to the musician and will be determined based on what is requested.

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Memorial and Funeral Services



For Memorial and Funeral Services
Please contact the Revs. Leslie and David
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SERVICES



Celebrating Life

When we gather in memory of someone we have known we honor and celebrate a life, and we strengthen one another in mourning and grief. This brochure is designed to answer some of your initial questions about arranging a service at MDUUC. Feel free to talk with church staff and ministers as you make your plans.

A Unitarian Universalist minister will typically conduct the service, after having planned it with family. Occasionally families wish to have someone other than the minister conduct the service; this can be arranged with prior approval of the MDUUC ministers. In Unitarian Universalist services, there is no set ritual that must be followed. Services are personalized to reflect the life, values, and interests of the person being remembered. The minister will go over the elements of a service and help the family decide what will be included. Often a service is structured with opening words, readings from poetry or scripture, a eulogy or obituary text, testimonials from friends or family, prayer, benediction, and music.

Services are usually held in the Sanctuary, which seats up to 300 people, and is suitable for smaller groups as well. With its views of the valley through clear glass windows and its sense of openness, the Sanctuary is a beautiful space for memorializing a life. Occasionally a service is held outside, in the Memorial Garden, sometimes in conjunction with scattering ashes.

Memorial Service-a gathering to honor and celebrate a person without the presence of the body. Ashes may be present at a Memorial Service, but are not the focus. A Memorial Service may be held shortly after a death, or scheduled at a later time. A Memorial can be held at any appropriate location.

Funeral Service- a casket with the body of the deceased will be present at the church or funeral home.

Interment Service-a scattering, burial, columbarium or graveside service, the interment ritual is usually brief, held at the place where the body or the ashes are being buried or scattered. An Interment may follow or precede a Memorial Service, or be held at a separate time and location. It may be the only service held to commemorate a life.

Memorial Garden-the Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church has a Memorial Garden on its property where ashes are scattered or buried. No memorial markers are allowed on the grounds. Bronze plaques with name and dates are available for church members and their families, and are purchased by the families for inclusion on the Memorial Wall. A record of non-member interments is kept by the church.

Reception-many families want to provide a time for people to gather after the formal service, and provide simple refreshments or a complete meal at the church. All reception arrangements are made through the Church Administrator, who can provide information about kitchen use, rooms, equipment, tables & chairs, and catering.

Ministerial Services-One or both of our Co-Ministers conducts services for church members and their families, and may be available in some cases for non-member services. A Ministerial Intern or nearby Unitarian Universalist minister may also officiate for non-member services.

Music and Sound-The Sanctuary has a Steinway piano. An electronic organ may also be used. The sound system in the Sanctuary may be available. The church pianist may be available for hire, or music may be arranged by the family.

Equipment/Program-MDUUC has two portable easels for displays, and some small tables in the entry area. Families provide the Program or Order of Service for non-member services if one is desired.

Parking is sufficient in the church lot for most groups, with overflow parking on Eckley Lane.

Flowers should be delivered in the hour before a service when a staff person will be on hand to receive them. Otherwise, make arrangements with the church office to be sure that someone will be there.

To inquire or make plans for a service, contact the church administrator:

925-934-3135 or admin@mduuc.org

The administrator will gather information from you and then put you in touch with a minister of the church.