



Freethinker Friendly

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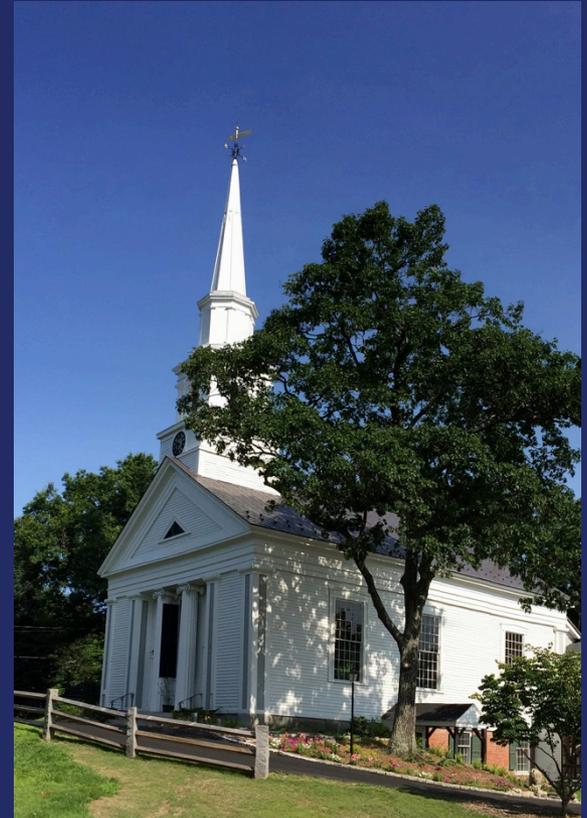
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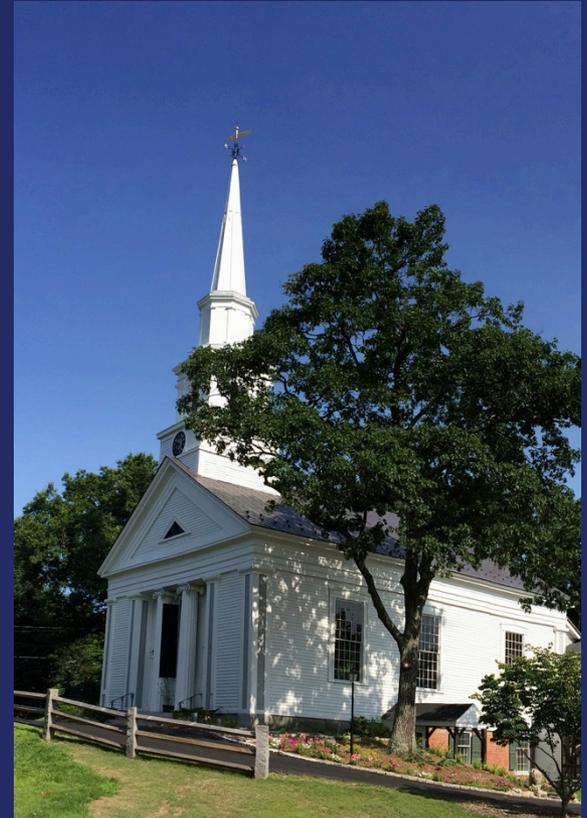
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- The swing toward “spiritual” language (particularly by ministers) is making current UU nontheists feel less at home than in the past.



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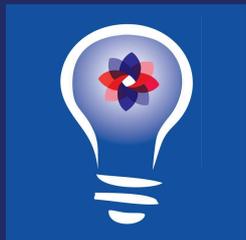
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2. Discuss, as a congregation, ways to be more inclusive and welcoming in your language and rituals.

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4. Reach out to the wider non-theistic community and let them know you exist and that you want to support them.



Benefits

- You can display the Freethinker Friendly logo and a statement of what it means on your website and literature to draw attention to your welcoming stance.



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- You will better serve the "nones", the huge and growing segment of the population, especially younger people, who have rejected traditional organized religion.

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- The UU Humanist Association will be promoting the program through all types of media, drawing attention to the fact that UU congregations, including the Freethinker Friendly ones in particular, are great "habitats for humanism".

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<http://HUUmanists.org/programs/freethinker-friendly>
- Watch for the “How to get the conversation started” article and open the conversation with your minister and leadership.

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- Persist until your congregation is officially designated Freethinker Friendly!



What can you do?

And don't forget to join or donate to the UU Humanist Association. *You* make Freethinker Friendly and all our programs possible!