



Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading

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“People come to our churches to be lifted out of the ordinary, to be drawn up from the mundane, and to seek relief from the omnipresent materialism of our culture.”..... Rev. Bob Hill, UUA SW District

What is a Chalice Circle?

A Chalice Circle is a small group of people who meet on a regular basis for the purpose of establishing bonds, fostering connection and caring, providing an avenue for personal growth and spiritual development. Our hope is that this program will ultimately strengthen the foundation of our community.

Here at UUCR, our Chalice Circle Program is made up of several Circles. Each group agrees to meet in an ongoing way for the purpose of strengthening connection to self, spirit and each other.

Who Can Join?

Chalice Circles are open to anyone who wants to participate. All we ask is that when you decide to participate you make a commitment to try to get to all the meetings.

If you are interested in joining a Chalice Circle contact Chalice Circle Coordinator Nora Buckley.

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Program Specifics

Size: 8 - 10 participants

Meeting: At least once per month, preferably twice a month in someone’s home.

Format: All groups follow same format of: Chalice lighting, opening reading, reflection, personal check in, topic discussion , closing checkout and closing reading. Meeting runs 90 minutes.

Facilitator: Each group facilitated by trained person who will meet in a circle with other facilitators and Rev. Tim Kutzmark for ongoing support and training.

Empty Chair: Always kept in circle to symbolize those not yet reached, Circles are always open to new members.

Covenant: During one of early meetings each circle will agree on a behavioral covenant; how members wish to be with each other.

Chalice Circle Goals:

LOVE ourselves and each other

LEARN about the mysteries of our world and our spiritual paths

SERVE our community and the needs of one another

MAINTAIN personal connections and a caring community with and for members of our group



“I am so glad this program is here, I have been waiting a long time.” Ruth, UUCR member