

## Facilities

### Worship Hall

Many community groups and musicians use our main hall for events and performances. The hall, with its soaring ceiling of western red cedar and beautiful view of surrounding wooded areas, is designed for grand occasions.

A warm acoustic and new Steinway grand piano make it a superb venue for concerts and recording. Theatre-style seating accommodates three hundred.

### Fellowship Hall

This bright, open hall is used for presentations, seminars, and luncheons. It has a large kitchen adjacent to it and is close to the washrooms. At about seven hundred sq. ft., it seats a hundred people using rows of tables, fewer if the seating is café style.

### Meeting Rooms

Our building has a variety of rooms suitable for meetings, located close to facilities and easily serviced from kitchen areas. All rooms have views of the outdoors: wooded areas, the Meditation Gardens, the Ottawa River, or the Gatineau Hills.

### The Meditation Gardens

Our carefully-tended gardens are an Ontario *Communities in Bloom* award-winner. With walkways and a pond, they are a perfect spot for photographs, or an outdoor wedding.



Our building is our heritage.

To manage it ethically and sustainably, First Unitarian Congregation welcomes the community for events, conferences and rites of passage, and shares resources with non-profits who need stable and affordable office space.

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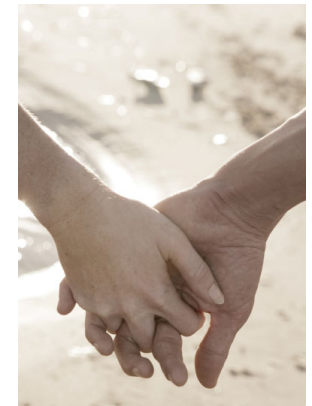
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## About Us

First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa is a spiritual community of over five hundred people who come from many different backgrounds and orientations, working together to create a supportive, inclusive community and a just, compassionate, and sustainable world.

Our members support Environmental Action, Social Justice, and share a passion for the arts, music, and gardening.

First Unitarian is a lively, hospitable place. Besides worship services and the activities of a busy congregation—including our annual Fall Fair, which attracts thousands of visitors—we host art exhibits, concerts, lectures, conferences, community groups and rites of passage.

Our landmark building is situated on a six-acre campus adjacent to the Ottawa River Parkway. Close to the Transitway and the village of Westboro, we are easily accessible from Richmond Road, the Parkway, and NCC bike paths, and minutes from the Queensway.



## Ceremonies

The Lay Chaplains of First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa are licensed to officiate at weddings, memorial services, and child naming ceremonies.

### Weddings

Lay Chaplains work with couples to help them plan a wedding that will reflect the visions, convictions, and goals of their relationship. We perform weddings for same-sex couples, couples with no faith background, and couples with interfaith backgrounds.

You can have a wedding that is traditional in nature, combines traditional and non-traditional elements, or is completely non-traditional. You can also choose to hold your wedding in Worship Hall, in our Meditation Gardens, your home, a reception hall, outdoors, or in a location of your choice in the Ottawa area.

### Memorial Services

A Lay Chaplain will work with your family and close friends to create a memorial service that is personal, meaningful, and memorable. We hold memorial services at our church, in funeral homes, at gravesides, in mausoleums, and at the location where ashes are scattered.

### Child Naming Ceremonies

Unitarians honour a child's birth with a child naming ceremony.

The child receives a name and a distinct identity. The parents pledge to provide a good environment and spiritual home for their child. The child's family and extended family welcome him or her into the community.

Couples generally craft a service to fit their beliefs and their family traditions with the help of a Lay Chaplain.

## Contact Us

If you are interested in renting space at 30 Cleary for a wedding, memorial, or other rite of passage, please call the congregational office at 613-725-1066 or e-mail [adminservices@firstunitarianottawa.ca](mailto:adminservices@firstunitarianottawa.ca).

Bookings and set-up for all events are handled by professional, experienced staff.