

SURVEY COMMENTS

Confidentiality has been maintained.

Question 6: I am very satisfied with my experiences at/with UUFBC.

1. *We were welcomed but it felt somewhat superficial and there was no real follow up. We weren't angry or put out, that is just what we felt. The service was fairly slow and draggy with lots of announcements.*
2. *Some changes have been positive, others not as much. Wish there was more emphasis on individual spiritual journeys although the new RE additions are nice to see. Possibly weekend meditation or positive affirmation classes or sessions either before or after service. Weekdays are difficult to attend due to other obligations.*
3. *Community involvement, inclusive congregation and great music*
4. *Most guest speakers are informative and interesting, but not always.*
5. *I like the history and friendships that have built over time. The recent growth and energy has added an excitement to being there. The small groups, music, Sunday services, new faces and amazing new members makes the UUFBC where I want to spend more of my time.*
6. *What little fellowship services & events I have been able to attend have broadened and supplemented my spiritual growth in ways I never thought possible. I've all also enjoyed watching our community continue to grow in both talent and attendance. These aspects have cemented my already steady commitment to my UUFBC.*
7. *I fear that the depth of 'community' that the average member of our fellowship experiences in their daily lives is superficial. Most would agree that the Sunday services are positive and rewarding, but some have stated there is an absence of UUFBC in their personal lives during the rest of the week. Some have even left to seek out other groups who practice more intimate commitments to each other, offer weekly opportunities for personal growth, and are more actively involved in each other's lives than we are.*
8. *It's been a ride but change/adaptation is the only way to stay viable.*
9. *I have learned so much about acceptance of all people to be accepted and to accept. It is vital for me to be able to grow and.*
10. *I found some of my best friends here*
11. *I am very new and wish to continue exploring the experiences offered at UUFBC*
12. *UU has a fellowship that cannot be denied or described. The community uplifts me. The presentations inspire and/or educate me. I enjoy my time with you all.*
13. *Would prefer that our Sunday services be more in tune with our spiritual needs than our personal life styles.*
14. *The diversity of members, not based on any organized religion, dress is casual, "feels like home" everyone is kind and loving*
15. *I feel very comfortable here. Can be your true self.*

16. *"Have noted too strong a 'superiority' over traditional religion attitude. This is not just a local issue but one I have seen with the Uni's elsewhere."*
17. *I am not sure how to feel more connected. Maybe "Dinner for 8" groups held in individual homes would help. Making sure there are at least 1 or 2 newer people in each group.*
18. *"UUFBC does good work in terms of Sunday services. The religious education program is building momentum too. We have trouble getting people to volunteer. Since this is a layled congregation, that means we have a serious problem."*
19. *Glad to see growth and more young people and children.*
20. *Open, welcoming - a great place to stretch my mind and find more authentic fellowship.*
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22. *I'd like to see us further expand the percentage of our members who are actively involved....and to further expand our leadership pool.*
23. *For the past three-four years the leadership of UUFBC has seemingly wanted to "grow" UU by changing many of the reasons why myself and others came to UUFBC in the first place. I've noticed that several initiatives, such as hiring a full-time minister, were contrary to UUFBC wide votes about interest in it. I remember on at least two occasions the UUFBC membership voting against it, but the UUFBC board keep returning back to the issue out of their own personal beliefs rather than the beliefs of the UUFBC membership at large. What I am saying isn't against growth, because there is more than one way to grow a fellowship but the UUFBC board seems to want to want it to grow according to their own personal preconceptions rather than consider other avenues for growth.*
24. *It's better than being on my own and I love many things about the UU. However, I am looking forward to continued growth and meaningful connection.*
25. *The UUA's seven principle provide the best and most succinct guide that I have seen for improving the life of humans on earth. Even though we fall short of living them fully, the effort makes for a better world.*
26. *I was so happy to find a place where truly EVERYONE is welcome!*
27. *Great program, music and RE opportunities.*

Question 7: I like to be a part of UUFBC because I value (ranking)

1. *We come from Christian background and are just looking for a way to fill that void. We are not really sure what that might mean yet.*
2. *Do not have children and am limited in time obligations. More interested in personal and small group opportunities to grow spiritually. These interests will likely grow to include social justice and larger community once time obligations change.*
3. *"While I am not directly involved in the Youth programming; I find the addition of all the children and young adults makes the Fellowship robust and vibrant. I notice the difference in visiting other UU fellowships. I am traveling too much to take full advantage of all the social justice opportunities but that has long been my UU's as a whole."*

4. *"Each ""Highly Valued"" response, I have either directly participated in, or directly affects my life. I feel our UU has intensely focused it's efforts (especially by way of volunteerism) over the last 1 1/2 - 2yrs to drastically improve those services. As a member, I have not found any other community to date that fulfills those desires any more succinctly. I appreciate the ""Valued"" categories as well, but are not as directly involved, or have the desire to be, therefore, I can only appreciate their continued improvement."*
5. *I would like to participate more*
6. *Please note that there are very surface level "values". While I respect, understand, and wish that the tremendously important and valuable RE programs continue to grow and receive increasing support from the fellowship, they personally have little direct impact on my relationship with the Fellowship.*
7. *Education & small group connections are my main interests*
8. *Programs, music, on Sunday is a major draw for me. Followed by fellowship in general and sense of welcoming and accepting community.*
9. *I chose Neutral on youth/children only because it does not pertain to me. I do strongly believe it is a very important part, especially in order to grow the congregation. On small group opportunities, I know that offerings will grow, as we grow. Would like a book club meeting in the afternoon....*
10. *I believe that the Sunday service bring people in, as do some of the more visible social justice opportunities. The children' RE is crucial to welcoming families. And the adult RE, opportunities for fellowship, including small groups, build ties that keep people coming back. We need to work at building an expectation for joint responsibility into our overall message. Many people come from a tradition in which little is expected (duplicate answer)*
11. *The quality in Sunday Service speakers seems to have gone down, perhaps due to a change in the worship committee, to be less about layperson presentations and talks and more sermons and specific religious doctrine.*
12. *coffee hour works better after the service*
13. *It is all good!*

Question 8: In order to manage growth, it has been proposed that there be two Sunday services: 9-10 a.m. and 10:30-11:30 a.m., with Children's Religious Education Programming being held during the 10:30 a.m. service. Assuming both service programs are the same, which service would you be most likely to attend?

1. *Currently attend Unity in addition to UU. I often have to choose between the two. This would allow me to attend both :)*
2. *It would probably vary according to my plans for the day, but I tend to favor the earlier one.*
3. *I would like to attend 9 to 10 and then be doing RE from 10:30 to 11:30, but it just occurred to me that we will at least need childcare for 9 to 10 if that's to be the case. Might be worth looking into*
4. *Atleast until our child is old enough to appreciate the 10:30-11:30 RE. :-)*

5. *I expected this question to ask if I was willing to support adding a second service on Sundays; yes or no. Is the fellowship going to be allowed to vote on this issue at some point, or only on which service we would prefer to attend?*
6. *I wouldn't plan staying for both every Sunday but the earlier option gives more opportunity to attend without conflict. There are only 2 days in a weekend after all. :)*
7. *I strongly believe that as the fellowship grows, split services provide a way to cater to an increasing number of prospective and new members while remaining in our current space, all while capital can be raised to replace it with a larger space.*
8. *there wasn't the option of saying 'either'. I actually would not be attending both, but would easily attend either.*
9. *Preference will be for the earlier service*
10. *Really, REALLY do not care for this idea. at all. Splitting the community at this time seems a very negative, divisive move. Also it seems guest speakers and music will not be able to contribute to both services without additional compensation. I would rather support building modification to accommodate larger groups. See Question 13.*
11. *May be attending one and teaching youth at the other.*
12. *I might attend the early one when I am scheduled to work with the children's RE.*
13. *Don't know*
14. *Particularly in the summer, it would be nice to have a longer Sunday to play outside.*
15. *I might attend the early one when I am scheduled to work with the children's RE.*
16. *I recommend doing multiple services in favor of costly expansion at this time. It might also be worth considering services later in the day in addition to the 10:30 service.*