**What happens when I arrive?** Most Sundays the first person you meet will be our minister. She generally spends the last ten minutes before service outside welcoming members and visitors. Afterwards you should find a greeter just inside the door. They will offer you an order of service and invite you to take a seat. You are welcome to sit anywhere. If you are using a wheelchair or scooter for mobility, you may need to use our patio entrance. This brings you into our social hall. The sanctuary is to your left down a short hallway and our accessible bathroom is down a hallway immediately to the left as you leave the social hall.

**May I arrive early?** Absolutely! If you do, please enter the sanctuary quietly as the choir is practicing. You are welcome to enjoy the practice, take a walk or roll out to our beautiful memorial garden or, if you arrive by 9 am, join our Sunday Seminar in the Library (at the rear of the building).

**What’s the Sunday Seminar?** This group is lay-led and enjoys exploring a wide range of topics throughout the year. There is no need to register and the group welcomes new ideas for topics. Often the topics tie into worship themes but often take on new directions based on the interests present in the group.

**What are the options for my children?** We welcome all ages into our Sunday worship and also have options for our younger visitors and members. Our nursery is available for infants and toddlers through age 3. Our nursery is staffed with an adult and assisted by one of our teens. The nursery is located down the central hallway on the left. Older children and youth are invited into religious exploration classes throughout the year. Most Sundays they begin in the sanctuary and leave for classes after a Time for All Ages with our minister.

**What happens during a typical service?** Our Sunday worship services last about an hour. A typical order of service is:

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Chalice Lighting

Invocation

Hymn

Unison Affirmation

Time for All Ages

Prayer & Meditation

Silence

Hymn

Reading

Anthem

Morning Message (aka Sermon)

Hymn

Offertory

Words from the Community

Benediction

Postlude

Our minister, the Rev. Wendy von Courter, leads most services from the second Sunday in September to the third Sunday of June.  About once a month, we have a guest minister or a lay-led service with a speaker or speakers from our congregation or the broader community.  During the summer months, when we have only one service at 9:30 a.m., our services are led by members of our congregation, with occasional guest ministers or speakers. Rev. von Courter generally preaches once during those summer months.

Music has long been an important part of our services and we enjoy a wonderful volunteer choir and occasionally have a guest musician. Our Music Director, Karen Gahagan, welcomes new members and will meet with you privately to discuss participation if you are interested.

**What happens during coffee hour?** After the service, most people move to our social hall, located right down the short hallway. Some linger in the sanctuary to speak with the minister or one another. Coffee, tea and some light snacks are available along with plenty of opportunity for conversation.

**What should I wear?** Our members attend church in a variety of styles of clothing. Some wear business attire; some wear shorts and sandals; most wear something in between.

**What’s next?** We hope you return! If you have questions about UUCM, Unitarian Universalism or faith, please feel free to contact our minister directly at [revwendyvon@gmail.com](mailto:revwendyvon@gmail.com) to ask questions or make an appointment to meet with her at UUCM.

**How do I learn about what else goes on at UUCM?** Please pick up a calendar page on your way out. They are located near the entrance to the Sanctuary and also by the door of Stetson Gallery.

Also, please let us know if you’d like to be on our mailing list. We send out a weekly newsletter much like the one that got you to this link! If you’re reading this because someone forwarded it to you, just let our administrator, Christina Aubin know at office@uumarblehead.org.