

Service Proposal

This form will expand as you type in your answers so you may be as detailed as seems necessary. If you are working from a hard copy of this form, please copy the questions into an email with your responses. Be sure to type "UUBR PROPOSAL" in the subject line.

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Thank you for your interest in proposing a Unitarian Universalists of the Blue Ridge Sunday service! So that the Services Committee can understand and respond to your proposal, please answer the questions below. Then email this completed form to Will and Sue Daniels (daniels281@comcast.net). *Before completing your proposal, please review our "Presentation Guidelines" which can be found on the next page.*

After the Services Committee has reviewed and scheduled this proposal, we will ask you to fill out a *checklist* that provides information for our newsletter, the tech team, and the service leader.

1. Presentations are expected to relate to one or more of the 7 Principles of Unitarian Universalism. See the next page for the Principles and for general guidelines.
2. Presentations are not confined to a speaker giving a talk or sermon. They may be of several other types as well, as listed below. *Please mark the type of presentation you are proposing.*
 - An original talk or sermon
 - A found sermon or essay you will read
 - A video presentation you will introduce (e.g., a TED Talk or other recorded talk or sermon)
 - An activity in which the group will participate and that you will teach or lead
 - A community conversation on a topic you will present
 - Other (please specify):
3. List the title of your proposed presentation (title may be tentative):
4. Briefly state the subject of the presentation:
5. Explain why you find this content or subject appealing and worth sharing:
6. Our minister generally speaks on the first and third Sundays of each month, so presentations or other talks are scheduled for other weeks. Please indicate if you want to schedule this presentation on a particular date or during a specific season:
7. Would you be willing to introduce the presentation and start the discussion that follows, or would you prefer someone else do that?

UUBRidge Presentation Guidelines

About Lay Presentations

A typical UUBRidge presentation may challenge us to think in new ways about familiar subjects; inform us about issues and problems of society and our planet; teach us about the underpinnings of Unitarian Universalism or other spiritual traditions; encourage us to explore our personal values; or broaden our compassion and understanding by learning about the lives of others.

Guidelines

1. Our services begin at 10:30 on Sunday mornings at Hearthstone School in Sperryville.
Talks or presentations need not be lengthy. 20 minutes is suggested as the maximum length. We like to leave some time after the talk for discussion and end the service at 11:30.
2. At the core of Unitarian Universalist beliefs are societal concerns such as justice, equity, freedom, compassion, environmental concern, and individual human dignity. While heart-felt discussion of public policy, as relates to these concerns, is consistent both with UU principles and with these Guidelines, we ask presenters to refrain from singling out by name specific public figures or political parties.
3. We seek presentations that are in harmony with the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism, which are:
 - 1) The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
 - 2) Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
 - 3) Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
 - 4) A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
 - 5) The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
 - 6) The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
 - 7) Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.