

Chalice Circle Interest Form

I've reviewed the Chalice Circle brochure, and I am interested in participating in a Chalice Circle.

Name:

Phone Number:

E-Mail:

Address:

If your spouse or partner also wants to participate in a Chalice Circle, do you *both* want to be in the same group or in a different group?

Same

Different

What else do you want us to know about you in order for you to participate (e.g., allergic to animals, special access needs, etc.)?

Small group ministry can work wonders, in part because the individual who enters the group becomes part of a safe and nurturing circle focused on spirituality.

The independence of self which you bring to the group helps to form the covenant of the group. The Chalice Circle then becomes an unique structure made by the contributions of each member. Whether that contribution is active or passive it is a fundamental element of the group.

When you find yourself in the safety of a Chalice Circle you can seek personal spirituality and perhaps even fill a void.

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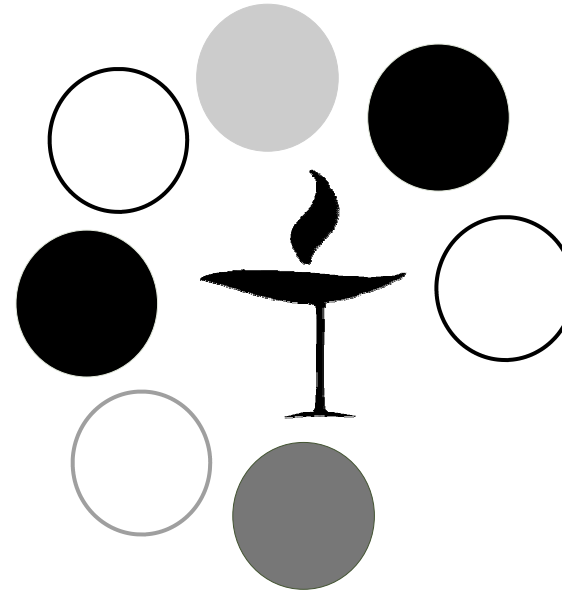
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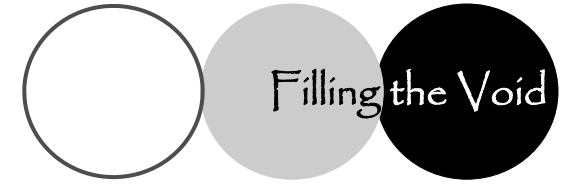
What are they?
What can they do for you?



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a covenant as our guide

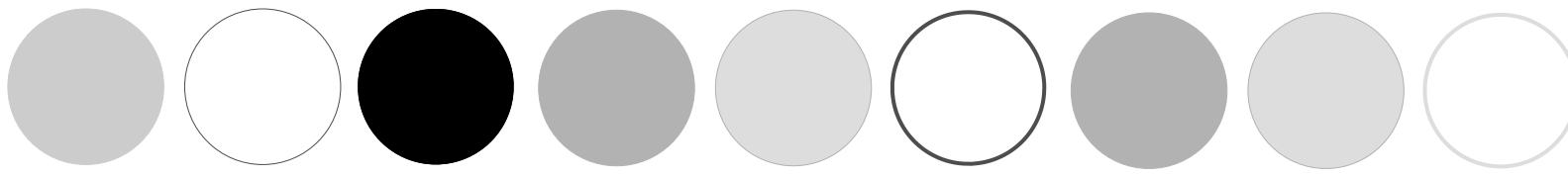
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Quelling the thirst of thousands takes a river of understanding.



My cup ran over with the stream of compassion found in a covenant of eight.



Chalice Circles are one *source* of personal spiritual growth.

UUSMC is initiating a new program, Chalice Circles, designed to augment and strengthen the shared experience.

Chalice Circles will provide an environment where people are encouraged and supported in the sharing of stories, experiences, ideas and feelings to get to know each other on a deeper level and develop a richer spirituality.

Why Chalice Circles?

Most people come to UUSMC looking for a place to belong (intimacy) and a place for seeking meaning (ultimacy) about living and dying and spaces between.

In addition to Sunday worship services, a vibrant and vital religious community provides avenues for:

Community

Opportunity to connect with one another.

Learning

Spiritual growth, knowing oneself better, pondering the age-old questions of the mystery of life: Who am I? What do I believe? How do I live my life?

Service

A life of faith is a life of service; being of use to the church and the larger community.

A Chalice Circle is
a personal experience:

Supportive and yet not a support group or therapy;

Not a formal class and yet an opportunity to learn from peers;

Reverent and yet not a formal worship experience; and

Not a social club and still an opportunity to make and deepen friendships.

A Chalice Circle is a small group of 8-10 people who commit (covenant) to meeting on a regular basis for a year for the express purpose of:

- ☞ Forming deeper, more intimate relationships
- ☞ Sharing spiritual struggles and growth
- ☞ Deepening religious commitment
- ☞ Ministering to each other
- ☞ Supporting each other
- ☞ Learning from each other
- ☞ Finding one's spiritual voice



How Do Chalice Circles Work?

Chalice Circles are designed to be two-hour guided discussions with a facilitator using the following format:

Opening Words – Inspirational reading related to the session topic begin each session, along with a chalice or candle lighting.

Check-In – Time for each person to share how/where they are at that moment or what has been happening in their lives.

Topic/Discussion – A paragraph or two introduces the topic and presents questions that will elicit thoughtful discussion and reflection.

Likes and Wishes – A format for reflecting on the session; a time to share parting thoughts.

Closing words or ritual – A reading or ritual that brings the formal session to an end.

Chalice Circles work for some people and do not work for others. If you have interest in joining a circle please fill out the attached form. Everyone is welcome.

Chalice Circles foster community, learning, and service

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 st week of month	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening
2 nd week of month	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening
3 rd week of month	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening
4 th week of month	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening	Morning Afternoon Evening

I am available to join a Chalice Circle on these days and times: (circle all that apply)

There will be a planned period for participants to have the opportunity to continue with the same group, join another group, or form a new group.

The minister and a Chalice Circle Steering Committee will be responsible for the implementation and oversight of Chalice Circles, including the recruitment and training of group facilitators.

Please return the completed form to the Chalice Circles mailbox in the lobby or mail to UUSMC, Attn: Chalice Circles, 579 Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark, DE 19711.