

# Everything Emerson

*Transforming Ourselves ~ Our Community ~ Our World*



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## A Brief History *Emerson UU Chapel*

Emerson is a vibrant and growing Unitarian Universalist congregation in west St. Louis County with many members and friends, all with various gifts they contribute to create a thriving spiritual home. Emerson UU Chapel is a proud member and supporter of our association of congregations ([www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)) and our Central Midwest District of the UUA ([www.cmwd-uua.org](http://www.cmwd-uua.org)).

Emerson Chapel is growing annually because of our vibrant staff and membership. Come join us and see for yourself.

## *Find Your Passion*

We have places in the inner workings of Emerson just for you. As with all congregations, each and every volunteer job in our congregation plays a significant part in the success and daily flow of life at Emerson UU Chapel. Because interests vary and there are so many different roles, you are encouraged to try more than one group. If you are interested in any particular group, please contact as you are comfortable, the committee chair or group convener listed.

**Not sure where to start?** Contact our volunteer coordinator at [volunteer@emersonuuchapel.org](mailto:volunteer@emersonuuchapel.org).

## *Our History*

We began when a small group of UUs in the greater St. Louis area, with the (then) ministers of First Unitarian Church in St. Louis and Eliot Chapel in Kirkwood, founded Emerson UU Chapel in 1984. In the early days, members and friends met in people's homes, in schools (including LaPetite Nursery and Logan Chiropractic) and at Kol Am Congregation.

In the summer of 1992, we purchased this beautiful home and grounds. In the summer of 2002, the congregation completed construction on our wonderful new sanctuary and renovation of our original facility.



In 2005, we called our minister, the Reverend Krista Taves (*left*). In 2012, we hired a new Director of Religious Education Nichole

Angieri (*below*) to grow our education programming for our children and youth.



Our goals are to maintain our intimate and friendly environment, enhance fellowship through participation in chapel functions and social outreach projects, and grow the number of new members and friends.

**NURTURE Your Spirit.**

**Help HEAL Our World.**

## Religious Education

### *RE for all ages*

#### September-May *Sunday Classes*

11:30A—12:15P Young Adult & Adult

11:30A—12:15P Children & Youth

#### Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel is during our Sunday service with children's programming ending about 11A.

#### *Adult RE*

Adult RE occurs Sunday mornings a bit after service, as well as some evening and Saturday offerings.

Please see our website, and our bulletin board (in our Hearth Room) for additional programs in addition to discussion after service and after a social time.

#### *Children and youth RE*

To insure the best classrooms sizes and the safety of our children, we ask all parents to enroll children in RE by completing the form (available from any RE Committee, in church and on our website, Religious Education).

#### *Nursery (Infants & Toddlers)*

Consistent, responsible childcare with age appropriate creative play is provided every week of the year from 9:45 A—12:15 P.

#### *Our Children's Safety*

Our Safe Congregation Policy is posted on our website for parent's review. Background checks are required for teachers and caregivers.

#### *Children and Youth Programs*

Children begin worship hour in our Sanctuary with their families, but about halfway through the hour (after the Story for All Ages) they are invited to come out to the Hearth Room for Children's Chapel - a kid-friendly opportunity to connect with each other and with Unitarian Universalist values. Often these Children Chapel services have a similar, but child-centered, message as the adult service.

#### *Youth (high school)*

More information about youth conferences (CONs) is provided on our website under children's religious education. These are teen safe, friendly weekends allowing supervised, appropriate spiritual and ethical growth.

#### *Family activities*

Our chapel offers entire family experiences, such as Fall/Harvest Festival, Holiday Make-It/Take-It, Ice Cream Sundae Sunday, and social justice projects. Please see our order of service inserts, bulletin board (Hearth Room), and website for these events.

*Reflections of clouds in our west sanctuary window*



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### *Emerson Staff*

All staff may be reached by phone at 636-256-7393.  
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#### Chapel Minister

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#### Volunteer Coordinator

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### *Join Us for Sunday Service & Religious Education*

Service at 10-11A Year-round

Religious Education August — May

Children's RE 11:15A —12:15P and

Adult's RE 11:30A—12:15P

For other celebrations, programs, and services, please see our website

[www.emersonuuchapel.org](http://www.emersonuuchapel.org)



Read more about our symbol, the flaming chalice, at [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org). Emerson UU Chapel is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) of Congregations and Central Midwest District (CMwD) of the UUA. Additionally, Emerson Chapel and our members strongly support growth of UUism through the CMwD Chalice Lighters Program; learn more at [www.cmwd-uua.org](http://www.cmwd-uua.org).

### *Board of Trustees*

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