

UUCB Policy
Rites of Passage--Weddings, Funerals, Memorial Services etc.

Purpose	<p>Because Rites of Passage in the UUCB building are closely associated with the Church and its Principles by most observers, the Minister should be an integral part of the planning and execution of any Rite of Passage service. Rites of Passage include weddings, funerals, memorial services, christenings, rededication of vows, etc.</p> <p>UUCB Members and Friends are entitled to certain accommodations because of their affiliation with the church. Funerals and memorial services also merit special consideration because of the sacred nature of the services. Procedures for implementation clarify which services are provided at no cost for these events.</p>
Policy	<p>It is the policy of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick that all ceremonies held in the church honoring rites of passage such as weddings and memorial services be officiated by the minister of the church or by an officiant approved by the minister. Approval must be obtained prior to scheduling an event.</p>
Implementation (Procedures)	<p>Use of the building and services of the minister for weddings, funeral and memorial services are provided free of charge to UUCB Members or Friends as a benefit of church membership and/or past financial support.</p> <p>UUCB will not charge the basic rental fee for funerals or memorial services. For all types of Rites of Passage, fees for musicians, kitchen, AV or custodial services, etc. may be charged.</p>
Date Approved by Board	<p>Approved July 16, 2019 (updated from the Rites of Passage Policy approved March 19, 2019)</p>