



We can learn about TJMC-UU through its many activities and contributions that it makes to the world. Listed below are some “facts” about our church, mixed with a few personal expressions of how it feels to be part of it.

Did you know that TJMC-UU has about 70 working groups and committees? **TJMC-UU is a busy community, and it is committed to service.** Here are sketches of just a few of the things that our volunteers do.

- Our Pastoral Visitors offer personal spiritual support to all members of the church community, in strictest confidence. They do this by visiting the ill at home or in the hospital, supporting those going through a life crisis or transition, maintaining contact with those unable to attend church due to illness or disability, supporting friends or family involved in care-giving, and comforting the bereaved. They also sponsor workshops on such topics as grief or crisis, and convey information regarding community resources.
- CareNet provides logistical, practical support to all members of the church community. As one example, CareNet recently coordinated meal delivery through the holidays for the family of a church member who had surgery. The recipients were grateful, and delivery volunteers even said that helping others added to their holiday. *“It was rewarding to facilitate the effort. This is what being part of a church community means to me.”*
- The UUpity Women take great satisfaction in putting on the Elders' Dinner every year, which this year served 55 elders plus their table hosts. This group hosts receptions for family and friends of our deceased members following memorial services, and also provides “woman power” for the yard sale and assistance with the service auctions. In the words of one UUpity Woman: *“The most fun for me, personally, is hosting and attending auction dinners. It is a great way to meet people and make new TJMC connections while supporting the church financially. A real win-win.”*

TJMC-UU is a large and dynamic church! Here are a few more facts about us:

- TJMC-UU involves the participation of 416 members and 229 supporters of the congregation.

- There are 65 members or family of members memorialized in our Remembrance Garden. This garden allows us to know that we are part of a larger family, living and deceased, and that our church family extends from the past to the future.
- TJMC-UU is one of 31 member congregations of IMPACT, which together represents 15,000 individuals as it works to promote social justice in the Charlottesville and Albemarle County area. As many as 130 TJMCers show up for the major Nehemiah Action in the Spring, where IMPACT's formal demands are publicly put to responsible officials.
- TJMC-UU participates in PACEM as part of 3,000 volunteers committed to provide shelter, compassionate care, and access to services for people who are homeless. Over 100 volunteers from TJMC-UU participate, and this winter helped to provide lodging for 58 of our neighbors in desperate need.
- TJMC-UU activities include Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen, Refugee Partnership, Undoing Racism, and Emotional Wellness Ministry.
- Our Environmental Action Committee is working hard to help us become one among only 82 other UU congregations to be certified as a Green Sanctuary by the UUA.
- The average weekly attendance at our church is 331.
- TJMC-UU has one of the largest and most comprehensive Religious Education programs in the Thomas Jefferson district of the UUA. This involves the participation of almost 200 children and youth, and over 100 adult volunteers who teach, mentor, and provide childcare.
- About 70 people sing in our choir and otherwise provide music during our services through our Music Programs.
- TJMC-UU hosts about 10 Covenant Groups, in which 87 participants strengthen personal bonds of friendship and find support.
- Our Web Committee maintains the uucharlotteville.org web site. Each year the site gets over 22,000 visits and serves up over a quarter of a million web page hits. The most common Google search term that brings people to our site is "*unitarian church charlottesville*"

Some facts about our budget: A draft of the budget for 2011-2012 is over \$570,000. Typically, about 75% of the budget is from pledges. How will TJMC-UU spend the money? Here is a breakdown:

<i>Personnel, 62%</i>	<i>Community outreach, denomination, 11%</i>
<i>Buildings and grounds, 9%</i>	<i>Debt service, 7%</i>
<i>Programs, 6%</i>	<i>Office, fundraising, 5%</i>

Please support the efforts and obligations of TJMC-UU by making a generous pledge! You can make your pledge by mailing your pledge card to the church or by dropping it in the collection box at any service. You can alternatively submit your pledge electronically. Find out more at www.uucharlotteville.org/stewardship-2011-2012.