

## **Member Events:**     *(Council Approved January, 2015)*

I move that in the spirit of fellowship and community support, members of UUSB will be allowed to use the building free of charge to celebrate their life events. These events will be called “Member Events”, and they will be considered church events. The following guidelines will be set forth for all such Member Events:

- Member Events are intended to be occasional life events which celebrate major milestones to include, but not limited to the following: weddings, dedications, memorials, receptions, coming of ages, birthdays, anniversaries, retirements, and significant accomplishments (i.e. CD release parties, art shows, book release parties, receiving an award, etc.)
- Member Events must be primarily for the purpose of celebration and not primarily for profit. So as to not violate the IRS prohibition against private benefit and jeopardize UUSBs tax-exempt status as a church, events may only have incidental income and no admission fees will be required for entrance to the events.
- Members who use church space in this way will be encouraged to give a donation to support the church and help to offset the cost of the utilities, especially during the winter heating season.
- Member Events will only be available as the schedule allows and will take the lowest priority in scheduling. The council is responsible for all activities at the church and will be made aware of all such requests. To accommodate UUSB scheduling, no member event except weddings, receptions, and memorials will be scheduled more than three months in advance.
- During the event, the member, or another designated member of UUSB acting on their behalf, must be present at all times and is responsible for insuring they have access to the building.
- At the end of the Member Event, the member will ensure the building is secured and left in the same state of repair and cleanliness as before the event. No food or disposable dinnerware owned by the church may be used during member events. If the building is not left clean, the member will be assessed the cleaning fee and may be barred from reserving the church for future events for a certain length of time.
- The member must also ensure guests respect church policies and stay only in the reserved parts of the building.
- There will be a maximum of one event per family per year with the exception of religious ceremonies, such as weddings and memorials.

## **Supporting Governing Documents**

### **UUSB – By-Laws – Article 2.D**

“To form a community of mutual concern, serving the needs of its members and providing opportunities for personal growth and fulfillment.”

### **UUSB – 2012 Strategic Plan – Vision**

“Nurture our spiritual community by engaging in:

- Creating a sense of place and belonging
- Connecting across, among, and within generations
- Extending radical hospitality to all
- Giving generously of our time, financial resources, and talents.”