



## **Policy on Member Baby Blessings, Namings, & Dedications**

Whereas, the purpose statement of The First Unitarian Congregational Society calls upon us to care for one another, the following policy for baby blessing, namings, and dedications shall be in effect.

We offer reduced rate baby blessings for the children and grandchildren of members of the congregation.

### Private ceremonies not held during regular worship services

Ceremonies Coordinator \$250  
Director of Education Ministries - \$300  
Ceremony space – no charge

Additional fees will apply for receptions held in the church building and should be negotiated with the Ceremonies Coordinator. Custodial fees may be charged for ceremonies held outside of regular custodial hours.

Private ceremony Baby blessings are generally held on Saturday or Sunday afternoons and should be scheduled with the Ceremonies Coordinator. Members are not given booking priority. Availability is on a first come/first served basis.

### In-Service Ceremonies

In service baby blessings are available for the children and grandchildren of members of the congregation. Baby blessings that are celebrated during Sunday worship services are free of charge and should be scheduled with the senior minister.

For the purposes of this policy, “members” are defined as those who:

- 1) Signed the membership book at least 12 months prior to booking
- 2) Completed their prior year’s pledge
- 3) Have fulfilled all requirements of membership as defined by the by-laws of the congregation.

For the purposes of this policy, current paid staff and called clergy, and former called clergy shall be treated as “members”. Former paid staff, hired clergy, and former members of the congregation may be provided “member” privileges with permission from the Board of Trustees or its designee.

Fees may change at any time with minimal notice. Donations to the Congregation are welcome.

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