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Policy

First UU Church strives to be a welcoming, compassionate community, which includes a commitment to providing welcoming space for families and for those who cannot, or prefer not to be, around the presence of alcohol.

Procedure

First UU Church-sponsored events:

- The use of alcohol at any event must be approved by Staff or the Board.
- Church leadership must be intentional about the balance of social events that permit and prohibit alcohol during a given year.
- Alcohol should not be permitted for events where families with children are encouraged or expected to participate.
- The presence or prohibition of alcohol must be clearly communicated in publications in relation to social events such as fundraising events, picnics, parties, etc. (*For example, "This event is family-friendly, alcohol is not permitted." or "Alcohol and alternatives will be provided"*)
- When alcohol is served:
 - Only beer, wine, or other non-hard liquor may be served.
 - Equally appealing non-alcoholic options should be provided.
 - Alcohol should be monitored and served by a responsible adult at all times.
 - All local and state laws must be followed.
- Alcohol-specific events (such as a Beer or Wine Tasting) can be exempt from parts of this policy, in consultation with Staff.

Rental and other events:

Alcoholic beverages may be served on First UU Church property for a rental event under the following provisions:

- Alcohol use must be approved by the Church Office.
- The signed *Rental Event Coordinator* must comply with all state and local alcohol laws.
- Only beer, wine and other non-hard liquor may be served, unless approved by the Office.
- *If* hard liquor is approved to be served, there must be a licensed provider with an insurance certificate, which must be on file with the Church Office at least 10 days prior to the event to avoid event cancellation.
- Alcohol use must be confined to the commons, kitchen, and lobby area.



All events:

- Illegal drug use is prohibited on all Church property for any event, and illegal drug use is prohibited from any church function both within and outside church property.
- Smoking, vaping, or related drug use is not permitted on church property for any event.