

Welcome Members and Friends



Thank you for choosing to be a member/friend of the First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta! With over 150 members and friends, First Existentialist (First E or E Cong) is an independent congregation affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association of America. Perhaps you have found us through the Unitarian Universalist affiliation. For more information on the Unitarian Universalist Association, visit uua.org.

We all welcome you to a diverse community committed to existentialist and feminist principles. A journey of philosophical inquiry, spiritual growth, and civic outreach will find support and community with congregants here. May the online material you find here assist you in understanding the operation of the congregation and inspire you to continue your journey, your Celebration of Life, with us.

Although we have a fellowship minister, office manager, outreach coordinator, and music minister, First E is essentially a member-led congregation. Members perform many needed tasks such as opening and closing the building before and after the Sunday service, taking care of the building and grounds, and serving on various guilds and committees. First E is proud to participate in a variety of annual community events, including the Pride festival and parade and the Candler Park and Inman Park festivals. We recognize and celebrate holidays, as well as birthdays and anniversaries of our members and friends.

In this online guide to our congregation, you can find a bit more about our founder, Rev. Lanier Clance, the history of our congregation and the Old Stone Church, a calendar of community events, a list of the guilds and committees that help maintain the congregation and further its purpose, some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and existentialist and feminist resources, including publications by members of our own congregation.

Our Sunday services, or Celebrations of Life (COLs), cover a wide range of engaging and intellectually stimulating topics, along with amazing singing and musical accompaniment and original art displayed on the walls of our sanctuary, a project of the Art Guild. Every third Sunday of the month we enjoy an Eat and Greet after the COL. You will receive our monthly newsletter, 'The Existentialist,' with information on congregational projects, articles on Existentialism, and comics compiled by its editor, Jan Lister.

We wish that your time with us be a source of joy in your life.

Any questions? Please ask.

Need assistance? Please let us know.

Any news to share? Bring it to the next COL.

Again, welcome to our Congregation. We look forward to knowing you.