

Searching for an inspiring, thought-provoking speaker?

Meet Melanie Davis, PhD, CSE



Melanie's Sunday services are journeys in words and music that encourage self-examination and acceptance as well as personal and spiritual growth.

In consultation with host congregations, she provides opening and closing words, meditations, readings, sermons and hymns. A gifted singer, she can

perform musical interludes as well.

Melanie is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist and founding member of the UU Congregation of Somerset Hills, where she is a lay speaker, singer, and Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education facilitator. She is the Unitarian Universalist Association's OWL Program Associate.

Melanie co-authored *Principled Commitment*, a relationship enrichment curriculum commissioned by the UUA, and is the author of a workbook titled, *Sexuality Talking Points: A guide toward thoughtful conversation between parents and children*.

Through her firm, Honest Exchange LLC, Melanie consults privately with individuals and couples, and she offers professional development training for healthcare providers and educators. She is an adjunct professor at Moravian College and Widener University.

Melanie earned the Certified Sexuality Educator designation from the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists. She holds a Masters degree and Doctorate in Human Sexuality Education and a Bachelors degree in Mass Communication.

Consider hosting one of Melanie's workshops following a service. Her topics include parent-child communication about sexuality; couples' sexual enrichment; sex and aging; sex and cancer; and cancer and self esteem.

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Current Services

Spiritual Lessons Learned from Work & Play

Melanie encourages listeners to imagine possibilities for personal growth through the stories of six people, herself included, whose lives dramatically and positively changed course in mid-adulthood. This sermon correlates to the 4th UU principle, which encourages the individual's search for truth and meaning,

The Abstract Art of Parenting

The 2nd UU principal can be expressed in the parenting of children, oneself, siblings, aging parents, and the Earth. This moving service illustrates how all kinds of parenting can succeed despite mistakes along the way.

A UU Take on Faith & Miracles

Words can trigger emotional responses related to a listener's spiritual journey. Melanie discusses how two hot-button words can become relevant to the lives and beliefs of religious liberals.

Honoring Your Inherent Worth & Dignity

The 1st UU principle affirms the inherent worth and dignity of all people, yet religious liberals often neglect to affirm their own. Melanie offers a spiritual framework that uses affirmative self-talk to help listeners focus less on their flaws and more on serving others.

Congregations are saying...

"You offered a magical package: beautiful songs, both touching and uplifting; a great story for the kids (you are a gifted story teller); and an inspiring sermon that was really worth hearing and remembering."

Jack Drucker, Unitarian Church of Montclair (NJ)

"Melanie looks at things in a new way and delivers a message that is accessible to everyone. She was also very easy to work with: She prepares complete services but was very flexible regarding our congregation's needs."

Kelly Jin-Hendel, UU Congregation of Queens (NY)

"I wanted to thank you again for your beautiful service last Sunday. Our Fellowship loved your heartfelt message, your singing, and your vibrant personality."

Jim Ellasenar, UU Congregation of the Poconos (PA)

"You really changed my way of thinking about faith. I do have so much faith. I have faith in the power of love and caring we give and receive. I have a faith that the next generation will carry on and change the world for the better. I felt blessed hearing you on Sunday."

Linda Darks, Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship (WA)

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