

## I am an Acorn . . . Nan Middleton



I am an Acorn because I was a teenager in southeast Michigan during the late 1960's. It wasn't unusual for the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Detroit (Michigan) to be in the news for its radical stance and active political involvement on human/women's rights and social justice. The no nonsense and fearless positions on issues of the time made a strong and lasting impression on my 17-year-old self.

The divisive 2016 political campaigns and then the Presidential election results made me feel isolated and as if I was in a bad-dream-earthquake. I knew what I needed and where to go. For the first time, I walked into a Unitarian Universalist congregation, this one in Appleton, the first Sunday following the election. I knew I would find folks just as dismayed and horrified as I was, and I did. I also knew I would find solid footing and guidance to navigate through the political turmoil and social unrest that surely would follow, and I did.

I contribute to the annual operating budget; it is important to me to keep our faith community strong and vibrant today. I have established in my will that a portion of my estate goes to the Fellowship's Endowment Fund because I want the Fellowship to be strong and vibrant for a person of today who needs a community and grounding 47 years in the future.



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