

## I am an Acorn . . . Dave Gerlach



This is my story about what prompted me to become an Acorn. When I no longer felt comfortable in my childhood religion, I began a search for a new religious community where I would feel comfortable. After checking out more than two dozen such churches, temples, and societies, the only one that worked for me was the Unitarian-Universalists. Back in the early 1970's I arrived in Appleton eager to join a UU community. At that time, I had trouble finding one. But finally I did make my way to the Fellowship and started attending services regularly. But in a few years, the membership dwindled to so few, and I was afraid that it was going to die out. But fortunately there were a few of us who were motivated enough and who were willing to work to grow the Fellowship that it did survive and later flourished! So I became an Acorn because I want others to be able to find and enjoy this group as much as I and my family did over the years. I want it to be here welcoming people long after I am gone. I hope many more members feel the same way and wish to support the long-term health of our beloved Fellowship.



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