

Religious Education Overview

Welcome to Religious Education at ALUUC. Our program provides Sunday morning religious education classes for children from preschool through high school, as well as a staffed nursery for children age two years and younger.

We support and nurture the spiritual growth of our youth and our volunteer teachers through worship, fellowship, service to others and structured classroom learning experiences. To ensure that children are exposed to both Unitarian Universalism and other religious paths, our curriculum is divided into two themes that rotate biannually. One year we focus on Unitarian Universalism and the other year we focus on World Religions. This year we will be focusing on Unitarian Universalism in our religious education curriculum.

Every year, we require that a registration form and photo permission form be complete for all students who are participating in the RE program. These can be found with the DRE, with RE teachers, or with other RE staff. Please complete and return to the ALUUC office or the DRE.

If you are available to volunteer to assist the Religious Education Program by serving on the organizing committee, donating supplies, teaching, or facilitating a children's worship service, please contact our RE Committee Chair, Deborah Cavanaugh Grant. Any questions or concerns about our program can be directed to:

Director of Religious Education

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RE Committee Chair

Deborah Cavanaugh Grant

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ALUUC Minister

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This year, we'll be teaching a World Religions curriculum touching on Ancient Religions, Hinduism, Judaism, Paganism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Christianity, Islam, Baha'i, Humanism, and Atheism & Agnosticism. Our curriculum is based on the UUA *Building Bridges* program, adapted for each age level. Children will be assigned to classes based on their year in school and taught by the following volunteers:

Pre-School & Kindergarten

Jenni Dahl, Caitlin McDonald & Feli Wonnemberger



First, Second & Third Grades

Melissa Bernhardt & George Marshall



Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Grades

Tabitha Bernhardt, Diana DeWeese
& Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant



Seventh & Eighth Grades

Heather & Dan Vining



Senior Youth Group (High School Age)

Advisors: Pat & George Marshall
meets from 12 noon to 1 am after service

Religious Education Services

Classes are held on Sunday mornings beginning directly after the Children's Focus in the Order of Service, and last until the end of service. Parents should pick up their children from the RE classrooms after service.

Children's RE Worship Services are held several times per church year. Instead of regular classes, all children go to the Religious Education Commons for a Worship Service led by the Religious Education staff and parent volunteer(s), when available

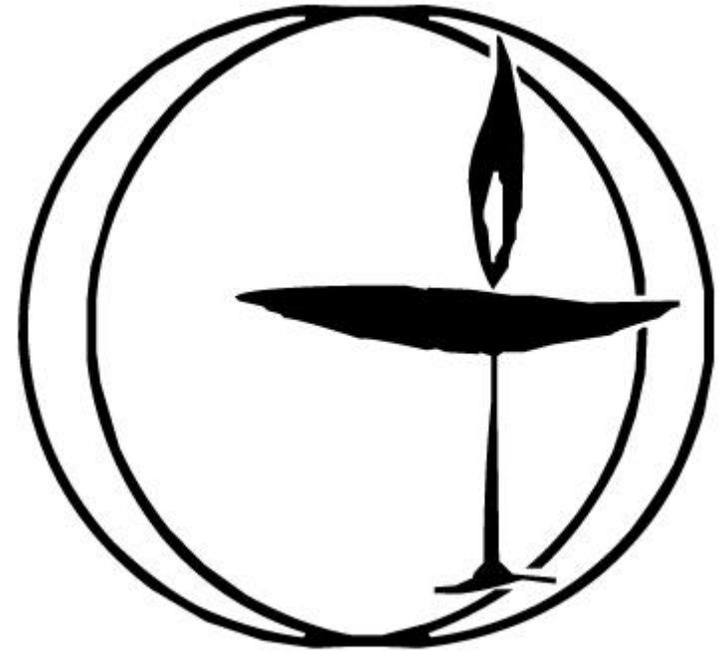
Intergenerational Services are held several times per church year. During these services the children and youth remain in the regular Sunday morning service with the adults. This experience allows them to participate in worship as a part of the larger church community.

Nursery Care is available on all Sundays for children two years and younger. Our nursery attendants are Amanda Metcalf (lead), Robyn Nation, Sandra Creasey, & Liz Zehr.

Summer Programming lasts from June until mid August. During the summer months a program is presented by the Religious Education staff.

Eco Camp is a free week-long day camp held each summer in late July for children ages 5-12, with teens acting as junior counselors.

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