



Family Tree

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Religious Education for Children & Youth

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SPRING Schedule & Curricula

Children's Religious Education (RE)

PreK~5th Grade

RE classes for this age level take place during the 11am service. Children gather with their parents in the sanctuary to enjoy the first 15 minutes of worship together and then "sing out" to their religious education program from **11:15-12:15**. Parents are asked to please pick up promptly at 12:15.

There are no RE classes at 9am, though childcare is available as needed.

Youth Group & Coming of Age (CoA)

6~12th Grade

Youth meet together on and the Second Sundays from 11-12:30 pm and on Fourth Sundays from 12:30-2pm.

Please visit these online links for schedule details:

[Children's RE Schedule](#) [Youth/CoA Schedule](#)

Class Curricula

Chalice Children (Gr. preK-1) meets in the Forest Room for [World of Wonder](#) during second service.

Seekers (Gr 2-5) meets in the Ocean Room for the UUA's [Miracles](#) online curriculum, along with [Hands-On Nature](#), during second service.

Youth Group/CoA (Gr 6-12) meets in the Youth Room for the lessons from the [Coming of Age Handbook for Congregations](#), a UU Identity program.

Nursery for children 3 & under

Our nursery caregivers, Erin Favre & Marcus Prince are happy to care for our youngest UUs during services. Children of all ages may join them during the forum or any other UUFA activities held between services. Children through age 4 may attend the nursery during all-ages services.

Hours are 8:45-12:15 when there are two services.

March Sundays

March 5 CWS

Children & youth begin in the sanctuary, then dismiss to the Rainbow Room for our monthly 1st Sunday **Children's Worship Service (CWS)**. This Sunday, we introduce the monthly congregational theme of **Brokenness** We'll share the story and begin prepping costumes for the March 19 All-Ages Worship Service Children's Music Leader Chris Hayden will lead a fun Raffi song and other music.

March 12 RE Classes

Chalice Children & Seekers ~

[Thanks for the Trees](#)

Youth~ Justice Unit: Understanding Social Action & How UUs Make a Difference, 11-12:30

March 19

All-Ages Worship Service

There are no religious education classes during All-Ages Worship Services, but childcare is available as needed. *Children and youth are invited to participate in the "Bug Parade" into and out of the sanctuary.* See Upcoming Events for practice and props sessions.

March 26 Classes

Chalice Children & Seekers ~ [Kindness in Nature](#)

Youth~ Justice Unit: Our UU Story, CoA

Mentor/Mentee Session. 12:30-2

Children's Charity

Each Sunday during RE Class or the CWS, we pass an offering can to give children the opportunity to donate to our children's charity, [Food 2 Kids](#), which assists children who are at risk of hunger by sending them home from school with easy-to-prepare bags of food. Please encourage your children to bring their change or dollar bills for this love offering.

Volunteer Corner



Children's Religious Education Committee

This team partners with the Director of Religious Education to oversee all components of the Children's Religious Education program, including Sunday RE, All-Ages worship services, and special events. We meet on the **SECOND SUNDAY**, following the second service, in the Youth Room. You're welcomed to come by any time and see what we're up to!

Next Meeting, Mar 12, 12:30-2pm

Children's Worship Service Assistant

The CWS Assistant helps Morgan as she leads the worship service that takes place on the first Sunday of each month. Children begin in the sanctuary and sing out to CWS from the 11am service.

Needed Mar 5 and Apr 2

Classroom Monitors

Classroom monitors are needed for each RE room to help the DRE and teachers straighten and organize materials in both the rooms and in the RE Supply closet to help keep our materials easily accessible to teachers. Occasional table wiping, window washing, and floor shampooing would be pluses! Work on your own time, or coordinate with other monitors for more fun!

All-Ages Worship Helpers

When we invite children and youth to participate in service, it's always great to have more hands on deck. Please let Morgan know if you'd like to assist with the March 19 Spring Equinox service or the April 23rd Earth Day service. Helpers assist with props and costume preparations, as well as "people moving".

Classroom Teachers

It's already time to start thinking about next year! Please be on the lookout for volunteer sign-ups for the 2017-18 program year. We'll start REcruiting in April, and you can be thinking ahead on how you'd like to help build beloved community through RE.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 18~ Spring Equinox Celebration



Families are invited to gather in celebration of the beginning of Spring. We'll share a potluck meal and enjoy the outdoors. Storyteller extraordinaire Mary Jean Hartel will share a fun story with us, and we'll finish our preparations for Sunday's Spring Equinox service. Please bring a pizza topping or dish to share. **12:30-3:30**

Sunday, March 19~ Spring Equinox worship service and preparations



Children and youth are invited to participate in a "Bug Parade" into and out of the sanctuary for the worship service, and we'll need costumes, props, and some practice time:

Wednesday, March 1, 5:45-7:15 (props only)
Wednesday, March 15, 5:45-7:15 (props & practice)
Saturday, March 18, 2:30-3:30 (props & practice during family celebration)
Sunday, March 19, morning practices as needed

Sunday, April 16 Easter Festivities at 9 and 11 Egg Hunt between services

Sunday, April 23 All-Ages Earth Day Worship Service

PLEASE REMEMBER TO [REGISTER](#) CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOR RE!