

Our Goals

The Religious Education (RE) program of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Waynesboro (UUFW) aims to:

- Make children and youth feel warmly welcomed and appreciated
- Provide a place for children to ask and answer some of their own spiritual questions
- Provide the opportunity to learn about Unitarian Universalism and other religions
- Encourage spiritual growth and create experiences that enhance a child's sense of wonder and awe
- Model a sense of community where peace, respect, and justice prevail



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Our Schedule

Infants and toddlers: For children two and under, child care is provided in the nursery on the 2nd floor of the RE house during the Sunday Service at 11 a.m.

Children (3-13 years old): From September through May, RE classes for children coincide with Sunday services. Children typically arrive in the RE house between 10:45 and 10:55 a.m. and go to their classrooms. On the third Sunday of each month, the children go to the Fellowship Hall for the service. After a story time for children, they go to their classrooms.

Teens: Teens go directly to the teen room on the second floor of the RE house by 11:00 a.m. except on selected Sundays when they attend services in the Fellowship Hall.

Intergenerational services: During intergenerational services held throughout the year, children three and up attend with their parents. A notice is posted on the RE house door.

Summer RE: From June through September, RE and child care for those under three years old is offered at 10a.m.

For children attending RE for the first time, parents are encouraged to arrive 10-15 minutes early to help them get settled in the RE program.

Visitors are always welcome

Our 2009-2010 Lessons

PreK/Kindergarten (age three through kindergarten)

Story Time. Lessons are based on children's books that help young children focus on feelings, relationships, nature, and holidays.

Elementary and Middle School (first through seventh grades)

Lessons will follow new curricula developed by the UUA. *Tapestry of Faith* is a series of programs and resources for all ages that nurture Unitarian Universalist identity, spiritual growth, a transforming faith, and vital communities of justice and love.

The curricula for early elementary children (grades 1-3) will be "**Moral Tales**" (first sixteen sessions) and "**Faithful Journeys**" (second 16 sessions).

The curricula for upper elementary children (grades 4-7) will be "**Toolbox of Faith**" (first 16 sessions) and "**Amazing Grace**" (second sixteen sessions).

Learn more about each Tapestry of Faith curriculum by going to www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/

Teens (8th thru 12th grades)

The teen youth group engages in fun and meaningful activities that they plan with input from their leaders. This year emphasis will be on living by UU principles.

Our Leaders

Class leaders are members of UUFW who volunteer to lead a series of eight or fewer weekly sessions for a chosen age group. Class leaders, who can be parents and non-parents, follow curricula carefully selected to reflect Unitarian Universalist principles.

Nursery caregivers are youth and adults, both volunteers and paid. They provide nursery care for young children during Sunday services and special events.

The RE committee, a volunteer group of members, oversees the operation of the RE program including selection of curriculum, recruitment of teachers, classroom planning and special activities for children and families. The committee works in collaboration with the Director of Religious Education, Fran Clark.

The 2009-2010 RE Committee Chair is Christina Rivera. The Assistant Committee Chair is Jen Lisky.

If you're interested in volunteering to lead an RE class, please see Fran Clark or Christina Rivera. See the newsletter for more information about RE class leaders.

Special Programs

UU Parents Group: Meetings are held every other month, usually on the first Sunday after the service. The group is specifically geared to parents and includes discussion with the Minister and Director of Religious Education on a variety of topics relevant to parents and families. Lunch for all and child care for children are provided. Watch the UUFW newsletter for dates and details.

Intergenerational Services: Several times during the year, the children and youth attend the entire Sunday service in the Fellowship Hall. During these services, there are no RE classes. Nursery care is provided. Watch the newsletter for dates of intergenerational services.

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Religious Education for Children and Youth



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