

Worship Services are at 9 AM and 11 AM. Children (except for Nursery) attend the first 15 minutes of service with their parents, and then go to their groups with their teachers. Group times end at 10:15 AM for the first service, 12:15 AM for the second.

Parents are responsible for their children while they are at church **at all times** except during RE group time. *Parents of children age 7 and under are asked to pick up their children from the classroom at the end of group times.*

9 AM Groups

Ages 3, 4, & 5 Room 2 & 4

Curriculum: Discovering Year
Theme: Unitarian Universalist
Identity

Teachers:
Cathy Falwell, Chris Malcom, Fall
Kimberly Jackson, Cheryl Denis, Winter
Kim Tibbets, Melissa Pomerleau, Spring

Ages 5, 6, & 7 Room 3

Curriculum: Experiences with the Web of Life
Theme: Discovering the ways we are connected to the natural world and its cycles.

Teachers:
Sally Moon, Merrill Henderson, Fall
Terri Grover, Maureen Callahan, Winter
John Howard, Terri Donnelly, Spring

Ages 8, 9, & 10 Rooms 7 & 9

Curriculum: Stories about God; What is God? & Famous Unitarian Universalists
Theme: Exploring concepts about God; Unitarian Universalist history

Teachers:
Julie Harrison, Angie Dierks, Fall
Ted Bridge-Koenigsberg, Sharon Dadmun, Winter
Anne Bureau, Carey Rasco, Spring

Ages 11, 12, & 13 Room 6

Curriculum: Riddle and Mystery
Theme: An exploration of life's Big Questions

Teachers:
Tirrell Kimball, Rick Kimball, Fall
Meret Bainbridge, David Finklhor, Winter

Theme: Social Education and Justice
Social Action Committee, Spring

Senior Youth Group Room 8

Ages 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
Adult leaders: Alison Skoczinski, Keith Prairie, Cathy Walsh
The A2U2 Senior Youth Group is for youth in 9th through 12th grades. They meet with 2 facilitators/advisors to foster individual and spiritual growth, learn about and discuss a variety of issues, (including social justice) and find support, fun, and fellowship. A highlight of the year is planning and conducting the annual Youth Service. Membership in the group is primarily for youth affiliated with Allen Avenue UU Church.

11 AM Multi-Age Classroom Room 3

Ages from 3 through 13 (younger 3's may prefer the nursery)
Curriculum: Experiences with the Web of Life
Theme: Discovering the ways we are connected to the natural world and its cycles.

Teachers:
Barb Koumjian, Karin Stark, Fall
Barb Koumjian, Scott Pollard, Winter
Barb Koumjian, Cathy Walsh, Spring

Coming of Age: Winter/Spring 2012

Ages 13-15 contact the DRE for more information

A special program for youth that helps them confront the challenges and responsibilities of growing up while learning about Unitarian Universalist beliefs, history, worship and social justice concerns.

Everyone should feel safe and respected!
Volunteer teachers and nursery staff sign a code of ethics, provide background check permission, and adhere to our sexual harassment policy. Guidelines for appropriate behavior in church, in RE rooms, and outside are available on our website or in hardcopy by request.

Please notify the DRE if your child has particular medical needs, food sensitivities or allergies, or needs in a group setting.

**"We are the church of the loving hearts,
open minds, and helping hands"
--children's chalice lighting**

What is it that makes a Unitarian Universalist? Our adult volunteer teachers help children and youth search for their own answers about what to believe, in relation to our UU history and heritage. They explore how to exist in peace with themselves, in community with others, and how to work for a just and equitable world. Participants explore sources of wisdom that include humanist teachings, our Jewish and Christian heritage, world religions, earth-centered spirituality, science, and more. As a church without a creed, we strive to give everyone in our community the skills needed to develop their own religious philosophies and beliefs, while also connecting them to others who identify as Unitarian Universalist.

What We Believe

A Children's Version of the Seven Unitarian Universalist Principles

We believe each and every person is important

We believe all people should be treated fairly and kindly

We believe each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life

We believe all persons should have a vote about the things that concern them

We believe in working for a peaceful, fair, and free world

We believe in caring for the earth, the home we share with all living things

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