



# Religious Education News

*Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton*

## RE Mission

Our religious education program works to create an accepting environment that empowers children and youth to explore their spirituality, celebrate diversity, and live our Unitarian Universalist values.

## For the Week of August 6, 2017

### A Table Grace:

We dedicate this meal to our hopes and dreams for the future.  
We dream of a world not threatened by destruction.  
We dream of a world in which all people are free to be themselves.  
We dream of a world at peace.  
~ Jewish Tradition

## Family Ministry

We believe that families play a vital role in furthering this empowerment to explore and live our UU values. We are excited to support our families by offering ideas from the UUA's Tapestry of Faith program as well as graces and thought provoking questions related to the topics introduced during Sunday religious education classes. We hope you find this new initiative enjoyable and spiritually fulfilling for your whole family.

### A Chalice Lighting:

We light this chalice to find inner peace, love for each other, and faith in ourselves. Also, to be welcoming to whomever we meet and kind to all living creatures. So gather around this light of hope as we share this time together.  
By Oberlin UU Fellowship, Oberlin, OH



This Sunday Jedi Academy continued. We discussed ties with your our 6th principle - fair and free world. We looked to the Star Wars droids for inspiration and created our own droid who will help make the world a more fair place.

**Family Discussion** - During a shared meal, discuss countries and cultures of origin represented in your family. How might life be different if you lived in those countries today?

## In RE Next Week

Our summer programming continues, we will have our final session of Jedi Academy. We will explore our 7th principle - the interconnected Web and our mindfulness of our relationship to each other and the galaxy.

**Family Discovery** - Explore websites that deal with the four basic needs of humans. Food: the website of [Feeding America](#) (formerly known as Second Harvest Food Bank), the [Free Rice](#) site sponsored by the United Nations, and a site promoting [international meals for children](#). Shelter: the [Habitat for Humanity youth programs](#) with games and volunteering ideas for children ages five through eight. Clothing: Visit the website of [Goodwill, Inc.](#) Love is a difficult basic need to try to meet long distance. Help children understand that when we help to take care of people's needs for food, shelter, and clothing, we also show love.

## RE Committee

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## Help Needed

**Nursery Help Needed:** The RE program needs help this summer. If you are interested, please contact Carol via [email](#) or click [here](#) to sign up.

**Become an RE Teacher:** Are you looking for a way to deepen your spiritual life? Have you ever considered serving in RE as part of your ministry? We are looking for teachers, assistants, youth advisors, and childcare attendants. Click [here](#) to learn more about the 2017-18 curriculum and sign up.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carol Zimmerman at [dre@uucantonny.org](mailto:dre@uucantonny.org) or 315-386-2498.**