Welcome to the 2019-2020 Church Year and Religious Education Ministry!! We are looking forward to providing your child a warm, caring, spiritually enriching and playful space in our nursery program. Our program is staffed by loving adult and teen volunteers. Let me introduce our nursery care team for this year:

Barbara Beekman	Katie Boczarski
Kevin Ball	Leo Burger
Sara Hutcheson	Rajiv Narula
Coral Pondysh	Will Siegfried
Eden Terrell	Kathy Wyckoff
Ashley Nadean Clover	Gabrielle Clover

There are a few things we ask of you to help make this year enjoyable and safe.

- Please register your child(ren). A new registration form needs to be completed every year.
 - Register by visiting our online form at http://www.uucantonny.org/youth/re-youth-registration-form/ or complete a form that is available in the Religious Education office.
- Our nursery opens at 10:20am on Sunday mornings. However, children are welcome in the sanctuary until they are sung out for religious education classes around 10:45am.
- During your first visit to the nursery, you will be asked to complete our nursery checklist for each child. This helps us better understand the needs of your child(ren) and how we can best care for them.
- Please **pick up your child(ren)** from the nursery by 11:45am, at the latest, and let the childcare providers know you are taking your child(ren).
- You are welcome to stay in the nursery with your child(ren) at any time.
- The nursery is located downstairs and is the first room on your left as you enter the main room.

This year, we will continue our pre-school childhood faith development program. Every Sunday we will have a chalice lighting and two Sundays a month we will provide a story or activity related to our 7 principles utilizing the <u>UUA's Chalice Children curriculum</u> and other faith development resources provided by the UUA.

To continue growing your and your child(ren) faith, check out our weekly faith inspirations on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Instagram</u>. Look for other opportunities for faith engagement on our church website.

Thank you for entrusting your child(ren) to the care of our religious education ministry team. We encourage you to participate in whatever way you see fit, to ask questions, voice concerns, or share praise at any time. We look forward to a wonderful church year!

With joy and in faith,

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