

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Church Year and Religious Education Ministry!! We are looking forward to providing a caring, educational, spiritually enriching and playful religious education program this year. Our program is staffed by loving adult volunteers. Let me introduce our Spirit Play team for this year:

<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Doorkeepers</u>
Wil Rivers, RE Networker	Lois Cutter
Cara Coffin, RE Networker	Maria Dickinson
Sarah Bentley-Garfinkel	Rebecca Pickens
Margaret Harloe	Shelby Hunkins
Todd Moe	Jeff Rousell
Sharon Tavernier	

Spirit Play, for children 4 years of age to 1st grade and based on Montessori methods, allows children to explore UU values, history, traditions and stories.

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

- Please register! 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 (RE) office.
- Our program begins on Sunday, September 15, 2019 and ends on June 7, 2020. We provide a summer program beginning on Sunday, June 14 and ending September 13, 2020.
- Children attend the worship service until they are sung out for religious education classes around 10:45am.
- ***Our weekly religious education program ends at 11:45am.*** A child(ren) in Spirit Play **needs to be picked up** by an adult and notice given to a member of the teaching team that you are taking your child(ren).
- The Spirit Play group meets downstairs in the room to the right of the counter and cupboards in the main room.

Here are a few important dates to remember:

Faith Filled Fun Days	Special RE Events	Multigenerational Worship Services
December 1, 2019	March 1, 2020 Everybody's Birthday	November 3, 2019
December 22, 2019	May 5, 2020 RE Sundaes Sunday	December 15, 2019 Holiday Pageant
December 29, 2019	May 17, 2020 RE Sunday Rehearsal	March 1, 2020
February 23, 2020	May 31, 2020 RE Sunday Rehearsal	June 7, 2020 RE Sunday
April 12, 2020		
May 24, 2020		

To continue growing your and your child(ren)'s faith, check out our weekly faith inspirations on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#). 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!

In joy and faith,

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Your Religious Education Committee