

Religious Education Annual Meeting Report 10.31.21

August 2020 - August 2021

This past year, 2020-2021, was one of the most challenging to provide religious education for our children and youth. Our religious education ministry was virtual for the full year with a few outdoor in-person opportunities as weather permitted and COVID permitted. This created a lack of engagement from children, youth and adult teaching teams. Our RE Staff and RE Committee continued to provide many different faith engagement opportunities. They included:

- A monthly Wonder-full Faith Engagement for Your Home website pages at <https://www.uucantonny.org/wonder-full-faith-engagement-for-your-home/>
- Our OWL facilitators offered the final session for the Middle Level OWL program with (5) in person gatherings.
- Hosted RE Choice virtual classrooms for grades PreK-7th grade.
- Created and mailed postcards to all children and youth monthly from October to June.
- Our Assistant Director created and hosted a monthly Family Chapel Zoom Gatherings with a prerecorded services which can be found at <https://www.uucantonny.org/family-chapel/>
- Organized and implemented a Drive In Carols and Candlelight service for the whole congregation.



- Organized and implemented a virtual Holiday Pageant with support of ADRE and congregants which included a Zoom recording session.
- Created and delivered Family Faith Home Kits from December to June
- Hosted a virtual cookie decorating party in December for all children and youth.



- Our Assistant Director hosted a parent discussion group via Zoom.
- Both the DRE and ADRE supported multiple worship services by telling the Time for All Ages story
- Our DRE continued to facilitate and support a monthly Listening Circle



- Offered a book club on “This Book is Antractist” for our middle level youth
- Worked with the (2) Syracuse churches to offer Coming of Age classes.
- Organized and implemented a virtual Everybody’s Birthday Party with delivering 265 cupcakes to all church members and friends.
- Organized Friday Fun Nights for the month of March 2021 which included Reverse Charades, Bingo, and Pictionary.
- Collaborated with DRE’s from First Universalist of Rochester and Fourth Universalist of NY in creating TFAA for March 21 worship service. Continued to create weekly

communication regarding religious education programming via enews, website, Facebook, Instagram, Newsletter and Worship Announcements

- Participated in religious education with Fredericksburg UU Church and collaborated with Fredericksburg DRE to offer TFAA for the May 2nd worship service.



- ADRE and DRE created and installed of a Story Walk utilizing “The Twelve Gifts of Birth” by Charlene Constanzo

- Organized and implemented virtual and in person COA Mentor/Mentee Gatherings
- Created and delivered Graduation Gifts for our graduating High School Seniors
- Organized and implemented RE Sunday Worship Service
- Organized and implemented the Fellowship ala mode event
- Planned and then postponed a Fireside Fellowship event
- Organized and implemented (2) in person outdoor RE classes in August



What's Coming for the 2021-2022 Year



As we continue to live with COVID-19, our religious education program is adapting in the moment. We plan to create and implement an approximately 6-week theme-based curriculum plan which includes providing a virtual intergenerational culminating event at the end of each 6 weeks. As part of this 6-week calendar, we will offer (2) outdoor RE events each month and provide home kits. We are learning as we go. We will be adapting plans again once the youngest of our congregation can be vaccinated. We will be taking things slowly and with intention.

