

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Religious Education Year!! 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 who feel religious education is one of their ministries. Please let me introduce our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade team for this year:

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Assistants</b>
Anna Sorensen, RE Networker	Ruth Baltus
Kiley Frank	Pat Glover
Heather Rousell	Miles Manchester
Paul Siskind	Carol Pynchon
Ron Tavernier	Danny Thomas Pete Wyckoff

Our Maker Space group will be making our UU principles come to life. We will be exploring our 7 principles by actively engaging in education and "making". For the 2017-18 year, we will be visiting a bee hotel, learning about the UUSC and it's Guest at Your Table program, looking at democracy in action and creating our own project.

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 17, 2017 and ends on June 10, 2018. We provide a summer program beginning on Sunday, June 17 and ending September 2, 2018.
- 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**.
- The MakerSpace group will meet downstairs in the room to the left of the counters and cupboards in the main room.

Here are a few important dates to remember:

<b>RE Fun Days</b>	<b>Special RE Events</b>	<b>Multigenerational Worship Services</b>
November 26, 2017	February 25, 2018 Faith in Action	October 29, 2017
February 18, 2018	March 4, 2018 Everybody's Birthday (during Social Hour)	December 17, 2017 Holiday Pageant
May 27, 2018	April 15, 2018 Faith in Action	December 24, 2017
	May 6, 2018 RE Sundae Sunday (during Social Hour)	December 31, 2017
	May 20, 2018 RE Sunday Rehearsal	March 4, 2018
	June 3, 2018 RE Sunday Rehearsal	April 22, 2018
		June 10, 2018 RE Sunday

If you are looking for Adult Faith Formation, please consider joining a [Chalice Circle](#) or participating in our [Coffee, Conversation and More](#) (CC&More) program. Chalice Circles are a way to deepen your spiritual practices as Unitarian Universalists. They are small groups (10 people maximum) who meet monthly to share stories and personal journeys. The CC&More program meets (2) Sundays a month at 9:15am in the Romer

Room and covers many interesting topics. This ministry is sponsored by the Social Action, Environmental Action, Library, Welcoming and Religious Education Committees.

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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