

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 2nd – 3rd Grade team for this year:

Teachers	Assistants
Jenn Whittaker, RE Networker	Pete Beekman
Ashley Clover	Jim Rudd
Esther Oey	Eileen Raymond
Susan Powers	Becky VandeWater
Eileen Wheeler	Kathy Wyckoff

Every day our children go forth into a complex world where they are often faced with difficult decisions and situations. Moral Tales attempts to provide children with the spiritual and ethical tools they will need to make choices and take actions reflective of their Unitarian Universalist beliefs and values.

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 Moral Tales group will meet downstairs in the room around the right corner of the main room going toward the restrooms.

Here are a few important dates to remember:

RE Fun Days	Special RE Events	Multigenerational Worship Services
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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