

September 13, 2017

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Religious Education Year!! 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. Please let me introduce our nursery care team for this year:

Katie Boczarski	Reg Budelmann
Kevin Ball	Rachel Sturges
Grace Rousell	Jennifer Sorensen
Barbara Beekman	Coral Pondysh
Jean Williams-Bergen	Eden Terrell
Rebecca Pickens	

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 10:15am 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 in the nursery by 11:45am, at the latest, and let the child care providers know you are taking your child(ren).
- Please know that you are welcome to stay in the nursery with your child at any time.
- The nursery is located downstairs and is the first room on your left as you enter the main room.

This year in nursery, we will be starting a pre-school childhood ministry 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 [UUA's Chalice Children curriculum](#).

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 on Sundays 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 caring 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,

Carol Zimmerman, Director of Religious Education

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