

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 volunteers. Please let me introduce our Spirit Play team for this year:

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

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 17, 2017 and ends on June 11, 2017. We provide a summer program beginning on Sunday, June 18 and ending September 4, 2017.
- 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:

RE Fun Days	Special RE Events	Multigenerational Worship Services
November 26, 2017	March 4, 2018 Everybody's Birthday	October 29, 2017
February 18, 2018	May 6, 2018 RE Sundaes Sunday	December 17, 2017 Holiday Pageant
May 27, 2018	May 20, 2018 RE Sunday Rehearsal	December 24, 2017
	June 3, 2018 RE Sunday Rehearsal	December 31, 2017
		March 4, 2018
		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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