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UUFEC RE Program

The mission of the UUEC Religious Exploration Program is to teach Unitarian Universalist principles through interactive lessons, create opportunities for children and youth to participate in social justice projects, and provide a safe place for children to explore. We provide classroom as well as play opportunities for children to be themselves in a nurturing environment

Volunteering

The UUFEC RE Program is actively seeking volunteers for a variety of activities:

- Teachers for regular curriculum and special lessons
- Special program coordinators (ex. Holidays and Beach Con)
- Committee Members
- Substitutes during First and Second Hour

Classes

The RE program offers classes for the children and youth of the UUFEC during First and Second Hours. Children should remain with their parents until the Story for All Ages, then proceed to the front of the sanctuary. After the story, children will be led out by their teachers. Tweens and Teens should remain in the service.

Nursery (Babies and Toddlers Ages 0-4)

Piper Room B

Nursery services are offered during both First and Second Hour. Kids will develop peaceful and respectful social skills with nurturing caregivers. Parents are welcome in the nursery with their children. Parents are requested to pick up their children promptly during the break.

First Hour

Love Surrounds Us (pre-Kindergarten – 1st Grade)

Piper Room A

We explore the UU 7 principles through books and activities that encourage an understanding of compassion, kindness, and respect for one another and the world around us. This curriculum is a UUA Tapestry of Faith.

Love Will Guide Us (2nd – 5th Grade)

Stage Room

Through an interactive curriculum, the elementary children have an opportunity to learn and practice UU principles. The activities of each lesson are geared to age and interest levels. This curriculum is a UUA Tapestry of Faith

Second Hour

Fun In Action (pre-Kindergarten – 5th Grade)

Piper Room A

The children will have time for special projects, social justice activities, and constructive play.

Tween Class (6th-8th Grade)

Stage Room

The tween class is designing their own curriculum based on the interdependent web of life.

Special Programs

Parenting Group

The parenting group meets monthly during Second Hour to discuss topics related to bringing up UU kids.

Youth Group

The youth come together for special projects, like Beach Con, and social justice projects, like homeless outreach.

Holidays

The RE program offers special events for holidays throughout the year. We celebrate Halloween by trick-or-treating for UNICEF. We learn about the many holidays that celebrate winter and family. The kids enjoy a yearly Easter egg hunt.

Beach Con

We sponsor the last youth con each school year. Youth Conferences take place in UU Congregations in our four state district. The Youth Adult Caucus plans program and activities at these youth led conferences.

Summer Program

During the summer, UUFEC members and friends volunteer to share their special talents with the children. Examples of past activities include sea life and dolphins, bridge building, music and crafts.

Social Justice Projects

The children and youth of UUFEC have participated in a number of social justice projects and new projects are initiated every year.

Child Dedication

The UU Fellowship welcomes young children in a naming ceremony with flowers. The entire congregation dedicates ourselves to the child's care and nurture.