

Religious Education for Children and Youth

Religious Education at ESUC provides children, youth, young adults, and adults an opportunity to explore, reflect, and learn in a nurturing spiritual community. Unitarian Universalist religious education programs offer all ages, inspiring:

- Ethical growth – internalizing enduring values like justice, equity, and compassion, and gaining tools to act on them in everyday life.
- Social growth – connecting with peers and people of all ages on a deeper level. Finding acceptance among people who see beyond the superficial.
- Spiritual growth – feeling a connection with the sacred within, among, and beyond us.

Our Religious Exploration programming is designed to enable children and youth to participate in the mystery of the universe by freely questioning, developing spiritually, acting ethically, and growing in relationship with Unitarian Universalism. Our program focuses on the theological, spiritual, and ethical development of children and youth at all stages in their lives. Children/Youth programming follows a 4-year thematic cycle in classes grouped by age between Labor Day and Memorial Day. During the summer multi-age instruction is provided.

2016-2017: Developing Leaders
2017-2018: Living Faith
2018-2019: Seeking Truth
2019-2020: Creating Love

We also offer supplemental Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes in human sexuality on a two year cycle. Grade 5-6 on years that are even and Grade 8-9 & K-1 classes on years that are odd. High School is offered on years with enough enrollment. These classes are held at a time separate from our regular RE classes.

Coming of Age occurs every year that we achieve a minimum enrollment of six teens who wish to participate.



We invite you to contact our religious educator to get connected (dre@esuc.org), you may also subscribe to RE news for parents at www.esuc.org

Summer 2017: We Believe

The summer curriculum “We Believe: Learning and Living Our Unitarian Universality Principles” provides an eight week study of the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism as they relate to children’s lives. Please register online at esuc.org to allow for classroom planning. Each family is asked to volunteer once during the summer.

June 18—The inherent worth and dignity of every person
(We believe that each and every person is important.)

June 25-Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations
(We believe that all people should be treated fairly and kindly.)

July 9-Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
(We believe that we should accept one another and keep on learning together.)

July 16-A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
(We believe that each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life.)

July 30-The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
(We believe that all person should have a vote about the things that concern them.)

August 6-The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.
(We believe in working for a peaceful, fair, and free world.)

August 20-Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part
(We believe in caring for our planet earth, the home we share with all living things.)

August 27-Rainbow Celebration

NO CLASS JULY 2, 23, AND AUGUST 13.