

## CALENDAR 2011-12

# Religious Education

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF IOWA CITY

There are two services during the church year, 9:30 and 11:15. Young people attend the first 15 minutes of the church service and then meet by grade level in the Worthley Building. Childcare is provided at both services.

The **Children's Choir** will meet between services from 10:45 — 11:10, beginning on Sept. 25.

### Fall RE

Sept. 11 - Dec. 18

**Religious Education classes begin:** Sept. 18

**Multigenerational Services:** Sept. 11, Oct. 30, Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Dec. 24

**No Classes:** Sept. 11, Oct. 30, Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 18, Dec. 25, Jan. 1. Multi-age RE programming is offered on Nov. 27

### Spring RE

Jan. 8 - May 20

**Multigenerational Services:** April 8, May 13

**No Classes:** March 11, April 8, May 13. Multiage RE programming is offered on March 11

### RE Class Times

**First Session:** Pre/k—grade 3 multi-age class, 9:45-10:45

**Second Session:** Pre/k to Jr. High, 11:30-12:30,

**Senior High Youth:** 11:00 -12:30



### When and Where

Religious education classes grade three and younger are offered at our 9:30 and 11:15 am church services. Young people attend the first 15 minutes of worship and then meet by grade level in the Worthley Building. Grades four — Junior high youth meet during the second RE session only. Senior high youth meet at 11:00 am in the Worthley Building. Childcare is provided at both services.

### Parent Involvement

Making friends and feeling a part of a classroom community is important to young people. We encourage families to come as regularly as possible on Sunday mornings.

To help our parents become “resident theologians” and engage in a meaningful religious education community, we offer family related classes, hold regular parent gatherings, provide resources and updates on the children's classes.

We also organize a Saturday social event once a month — it might be attending a basketball game, or bowling, or hiking — for families to have fun and get to know each other.

There are a variety of ways parents can help with RE. Please check volunteer opportunities on the other side of this form.

### RE 2011—2012 Classes

**Children's Choir:** Led by music director Barbara Buddin, the children's choir will rehearse from 10:45—11:10 between services on most Sundays.

**Childcare: Infants -2 yrs. old** Experienced childcare workers provide a stimulating and safe, homey environment for infants and toddlers in the nursery.

**Love Surrounds Us: 9:30 Multi-age Class and 11:15 Pre/K** Unitarian Universalist Principles encompass equality, freedom, peace, acceptance, truth, care, and love. This program explores all the Principles in the context of Beloved Community of family/home, school, neighborhood. Children engage in activities that emphasize the love they feel in community.

**Faithful Journeys: Grades 1-3** With stories about real people, *Faithful Journeys* demonstrates that our Principles are not a dogma, but a credo that individuals can affirm with many kinds of action. Over the course of the program, children discover the many different ways Unitarian Universalists, including themselves, can act on our beliefs.

**Toolbox of Faith: Grades 4-6** Participants explore the qualities of our Unitarian Universalist faith, such as integrity, courage, and love, as tools they can use in living their lives and building their own faith. Each of the sessions uses a tool as a metaphor for an important quality of our faith such as reflection (symbolized by a mirror), flexibility (duct tape), and justice (a flashlight). Children develop their own toolbox of faith.

**Neighboring Faiths: Junior High** *Neighboring Faiths* explores the history and development of different faith traditions, and Unitarian Universalism. Participants plan their own program by choosing which religious groups to learn about, visit and relate to Unitarian Universalism and their own growing faith. Young people will host guests, visit other faiths, create worship experiences and engage in service projects.



**Senior High Youth Group** Youth will engage in discussion and activities on such themes as Unitarian Universalist theology, tolerance, interfaith community, local and national immigration issues, and explore how they can be co-creators of the future of our living tradition. Always active, the youth group is an opportunity for youth to develop leadership skills, and engage in the church and broader communities, through worship, social action projects, , and service trips.



# Registration Form Religious Education Program 2011—2012

## Unitarian Universalist Society of Iowa City, Iowa

*In order for your child(ren) to participate in the Religious Education (RE) Program, this registration form MUST be on file in the RE office when your child begins attendance.*

Parent/Guardian Information

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Name (first & last) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone, Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Phone, Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**List all children who will be attending our RE Program (Childcare thru High School). Be sure to note which RE Session they will be attending — the 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 11:00 (youth):**

Child's Name (first and last)	Birthday	RE Session	Grade as of 9/11	Medications/allergies/food restrictions/special needs
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1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

### Religious Education Field Trip Release and Medical Release

My child(ren), named on this form, have \_\_\_/do not have\_\_\_ permission to participate in short field trips during regularly scheduled religious education classes (walks, visits to other churches, etc.).

Medical consent: I hereby, as a parent or guardian of the minor child(ren) named on this form, do\_\_\_/do not \_\_\_ give permission to R.E. staff or volunteers of UUSIC in the case of medical emergency to give first aid and/or take my child(ren) to the nearest medical facility, or to:

Hospital \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

I also give the physician and/or hospital permission for any and all procedures necessary for the treatment of my child(ren)

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER:** Please check the volunteer opportunities you would like to learn about: substitute teaching \_\_\_\_\_

RE Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Youth/Adult Committee \_\_\_\_\_ snack/supplies \_\_\_\_\_ driving or assisting with youth events \_\_\_\_\_

teaching songs to children \_\_\_\_\_ storytelling during Sunday morning services \_\_\_\_\_