

Calendar
2008-09

Religious Education

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF IOWA CITY

Fall Classes

Sept. 13-Dec. 14

Ingathering Sunday and Intergenerational Service:

Sept. 7

Parent Meetings:

Sept. 14, 21

Intergenerational Services:

Sept. 7, Nov. 23, Dec. 21

No Classes:

Sept. 7, Nov. 23, Dec. 21, Dec. 28, Multi-age RE programming is offered on Nov. 30

Spring Classes

Jan. 6-May 17

Intergenerational Service:

April 12

No Classes: March 15, 22. Multi-age RE programming is offered March 15, 22

RE Class Times

First Service:

9:45-10:45

Second Service:

11:15-12:15

Junior High Youth:

Second service only

Senior High Youth:

10:45-12:15

Young people attend the first 15 minutes of the service and then meet by grade level in the Worthley Building.



RE Grades 1—3 make bookmarks for veterans in honor of Memorial Day 2008

When and Where

Religious education classes grade six and younger are offered at our 9:30 and 11:00 am services. Young people attend the first 15 minutes of the service and then meet by grade level in the Worthley Building. Childcare is provided at both services. Junior and senior high youth groups meet at 10:45 am in the Worthley Building.

Parent Involvement

Over the years, we've found that children and youth who have the most meaningful RE experience often attend regularly. Making friends and feeling a part of the classroom community is important to young people. We've also learned that religious education is not just Sunday mornings. Rituals and discussions at home that are faith-related enrich young people's faith and family life. We encourage parents to attend the yearly parent orientations (see calendar) and learn more on how they can be a resource for their children's religious education.

RE 2008—2009 Classes

Way Cool Green Sunday School is the theme for our 2008—09 RE year, as we join with adults and the Green Sanctuary Committee to act on our 7th Principle. We also offer the following popular Unitarian Universalist classes and curriculum.

Childcare: Infants and toddlers. Experienced childcare workers provide a stimulating and homey environment for our youngest.

A Discovering Year: Preschool Kindergarten. This class seeks to nurture children's religious identity and growth through carefully sequenced connections to their ever-widening environment. Children explore learning about themselves and others, their families and their church, the wonders of nature, and religious and cultural days.

Free to Believe: Grades 1-3

This is an experiential program designed to nurture the emotional, social, and spiritual life of children. The program uses the UU principles as starting points for exploring values, beliefs, and what it means to be Unitarian Universalist. The last third of the program examines the "big questions" through the perspective of our UU sources.

We Believe: Grades 4-6 This popular program actively engages young people in exploring the UU principles through service, stories, discussion, art, games and worship.

Coming of Age: Junior High

A dynamic rites of passage program that engages the youth in the church community, social service, learning and leadership. Coming of Age helps young people process their religious education experience and develop a credo of who they are and what they believe.

Our Whole Lives, 7—9: This comprehensive sexuality education class for grades 7—9 meets on Wednesday evenings 6:30—8:30. Registration deadline is Aug. 26.

Around the U Universe:

Senior High Spirituality and the arts will be the launching pad for our youth group's exploration of a variety of themes as it orbits *Around the U Universe*. Our year will include community building with Sunday congregational brunches, discussions and activities as well as evening youth events.



Youth 2008 Spring Break Social Action Trip, Washington, D.C.

Registration Form Religious Education Program 2008—2009

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

Parent/Guardian Information

Name (first & last) _____

Name (first & last) _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone, Home _____ Work _____

Phone, Home _____ Work _____

Email _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

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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, 11:00 am, 10:45 (youth):

Child's Name (first and last)	Birthday	RE Session	Grade as of 9/08	Medications/allergies/food restrictions
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 for any and all procedures necessary for the treatment of my child(ren)

Signature of parent or guardian _____ Date _____