

Family Worship

On the first Wednesday evening of each month, we offer a meal and worship service designed for families and people of all ages. Dinner (provided, including a vegan option) will be served from 5:30pm to 6pm, and the worship service is held from 6:15pm to 6:45pm. Clean up is done family-style! You are welcome to join us whenever you are able.

Intergenerational Worship

A few times each year children are encouraged to join us for a fun interactive worship service led by Rev. Emily Manvel Leite; Sunday morning RE classes are canceled. Please join us for these opportunities to worship together as one community.

Children's Choir

All kindergarteners through eighth graders are encouraged to join our Children's Choir. Children will acquire new skills, learn a varied repertoire of music, and perform during a few services a year. Rehearsals occur only when scheduled; please check the Prologue or contact the Children's Choir Director, Jill Courtney at jjcourtne@mccsc.edu

Adult Religious Education

Many of the Adult Religious Education classes may be of interest to parents, and some of them are designed for them. Please check the Adult RE Prospectus for the current offerings.

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*RE for Children and
Youth*

Prospectus 2008-2009

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The members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington welcome people of all ages to our congregation. We offer many programs for children, families and youth.

Children's Moment

Each service begins with a Children's Moment before children are dismissed to their Religious Education (RE) classes. Children may also attend the full service with their parents.

Sunday Morning Classes

The core of our religious education program for children and youth is our Sunday morning program, visitors are always welcome. Classes are held during both Sunday morning services for infants through sixth graders. In addition, there is programming for seventh through ninth graders during the second service. Brief class descriptions follow.

Feel free to accompany your child to their classroom and meet their teachers before returning to service. RE classes end at 10:15am and 12:30pm.

Infant and Toddler Care

We love babies!! Parents with babies have several options on Sunday morning.

- Babies (and other children!) are welcome to stay with their parent(s) in the service. Out of respect for people who have difficulty hearing, we ask families to sit in the 'family section' on the right hand side of the Meeting Room.
- Child care is available for all ages every Sunday in RM 108. Our trained, experienced child care staff love to read stories and do crafts as well as play.
- RM 104 is a parent's room that allows infants to be rocked or fed while their parents watch the service live on TV.



RE Classes

08-09

Chalice Children

Preschool classes:
9am and 11:15am
RM 108

Through fun stories and activities children ages 3-5 will be introduced to our religious community and traditions, and have opportunities to express their own uniqueness. This class affirms young children in their spiritual growth, creativity and connection to our congregation.

Treasure Hunting

Kindergarten and First Grade:
9am and 11:15am
RM 105

Each week children in this class will explore what Unitarian Universalists treasure through games, crafts, stories and songs. Themes will include treasuring our own and other's thoughts and feelings, as well as the treasures of our church, our UU faith, our world community and the interconnected web of life.

Spirit of Adventure

Second-Third Grade, 11:15am
RM 210

This is an active curriculum for children using the themes of sports, medicine, food, science, building, exploring and the web of life as ways to discover the people and values of our Unitarian Universalist faith.

Holidays and Holy Days

2nd-6th Grade 9am, RM 210
3rd-4th Grade: 11:15am, RM 212
Every Sunday is a celebration in this interactive class that explores World Religions through their holidays and holy days. Shared beliefs between UUs and the World Religions are highlighted whether we are celebrating Divali, Ramadan, Easter or Marti Gras.

Tool Box of Faith

Fifth and Sixth Grade,
11:15am, RM 208
Toolbox of Faith invites fifth and sixth grade participants to reflect on 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 16 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).

YUUMS

Seventh and Eighth Grade 11:15am
RM 112

Young Unitarian Universalist Middle Schoolers (YUUMS) are invited to join us on Sunday mornings to form friendships, learn about themselves and explore beliefs. Social activities, such as lock-ins, and social justice projects will sometimes occur outside of Sunday morning. There will be lots of time to relax, hang out and have fun.



YRUU

(Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) is our senior high group. They meet on Sunday evenings for fun, food and fellowship. They develop their own programming in consultation with their advisers and the religious educators.

Please contact us for further details about our youth programs.

OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL)

Sexuality Education

We regularly offer developmentally appropriate sexuality education courses for children and youth at many life stages, including high schoolers and adults. In

the fall we plan to offer OWL to 5-6th graders and 7-8th graders, first grade OWL will be offered in the spring. The courses are closed once they have begun. If you have questions about the OWL program, please contact one of the religious educators.

How Can I Help my Child Enjoy Religious Education?

There are several ways you can help your child enjoy our Religious Education program.

- Attending on a regular basis will help your child get to know their teachers and the other children in their class, it will also help them to know what is going on and what to expect.
- Children who have good friends at church want to come to church! Set up a play date with someone in your child's class.
- Get involved and volunteer. We rely on volunteers to make our classes fun and interesting, there are lots of ways you can help.

Visitor Registration

Welcome!! We are glad you are visiting us today. Children are welcome to stay with their parents during service, or to visit childcare or religious education classes. If your child will be in class or childcare, please take a few minutes to tell us more about your family and give it to a RE teacher or staff person. RE classes end at 10:15AM and 12:30PM.

Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Responsible party who brought the child/children to church today, if different than parent/guardian _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please list all children visiting today

Child's Name	Birthdate	Grade
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