

A COOPERATIVE CHURCH SCHOOL:

Our church school is a cooperative one. This means that the church members, parents and other adults, are actively involved as teachers, activity leaders, or make an equivalent commitment to the program.

We believe that when children see adults actively and enthusiastically involved in the Sunday School, they become more active and enthusiastic themselves. We urge both men and women to participate.

Over the course of the year we need more than 30 people to act as teachers and to provide other support. We hope you will consider religious education one of your priorities.



If you have questions, here's some folks you can ask:

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Old Ship Church Religious Growth & Learning

At Old Ship we work to provide a warm and supportive community of Unitarian Universalist faith in which children, youth and adults can grow spiritually, intellectually and ethically.

We understand ourselves to be a community of learners, all of us on a lifelong path of personal discovery, of religious and spiritual growth, of human “becoming.”

Our teachers, mentors and advisors are primarily volunteers, lovingly invited into this most important work. In addition to the subject matter of each course, our program seeks to inspire wonder and wondering, empathy and compassion, truth-searching and decision making.

We hope that we will all experience what it means to belong to a local community of caring, as well as what it means to be a part of a world community.





Children and Youth begin Sunday, in the meetinghouse worship with their families.

They cross to the Parish House with their teachers, after the Story For All Ages.

Students meet up with their families in the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour after the service ends.

SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAMS

Nursery Care – Infants to 3 years

10:15–11:45

Nursery care is provided by Old Ship Church and overseen by our Religious Education department.

Our aim is to provide a comfortable, secure and loving environment for our youngest children, with simple toys, picture books, and familiar, consistent, paid caregivers.

Pre-K–Grade 1 - Chalice Children

This curriculum is designed to help young children learn about themselves, their church and their world. *Chalice Children* and its companion curricula, *Celebrating Me & My World*, and *We Are Many, We Are One* “set the stage for a child’s future experience within the Unitarian Universalist community.”

Grades 2 & 3—Picture Book Bible Tales

Based on 14 well-chosen picture books, this curriculum is a fun and friendly way to introduce classic Bible Tales with a Unitarian Universalist perspective.

Grades 4 & 5—Travels in Time

Participants learn about the origins of Unitarian Universalism in North America and the lives of individuals, past and present, who exemplify our faith... **We Believe**—Activities that introduce and explore the 7 Unitarian Universalist principles, and encourage participants to incorporate them into their lives.

Grades 6 & 7 -Neighboring Faiths

Inspired by the UU classic curriculum, Church Across the Street, this year-long curriculum helps Youth learn about their own Faith and other faith traditions through interactive experiences such as field trips and interviews.

Grades 8 & 9 Our Whole Lives

This program is designed to provide comprehensive, faith-based, sexuality education for youth. OWL helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their relationships, health, and behavior, in the context of their faith. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. It provides not only facts about anatomy and human development, but helps participants to clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the social, emotional and spiritual aspects of sexuality.

Sunday Morning Youth Works

On Sunday mornings, the Youth collaborate in discussions and on projects of their own choosing or design; to help other people (near & far) and to make a difference in the world. Prior or ongoing projects include managing KIVA micro-loans, fundraising for Haiti, and for Camp Wowyanke in Rosebud, South Dakota, and service trips to New Orleans, Washington DC, Williamson WV, and Immokalee, FL.