

EMERSON CHAPEL RE REGISTRATION 2012-13

Please return this completed form to Emerson Chapel by *July 15, 2012*.
Classes start August 5th !!!!

FAMILY NAME _____

Home Address _____ City/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email address(es) _____

Parent Name _____ Phone _____

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Child's Name _____ Birth date _____ Grade _____

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Please provide any information which might be helpful for teachers and leaders to know about your child(ren) (i.e., physical or learning disabilities, behavior problems, dietary restrictions or food allergies, etc.)

Parent signature below signifies an understanding of the mutual commitment we make to our children at Emerson Chapel . Namely, support of this cooperative learning program where parents, congregation, and staff are involved to create community and stability for our children and youth as they grow within the RE program.

Signature

Date

TIME and TALENT COMMITMENT FORM

The Children/Youth Religious Education program at Emerson Unitarian Universalist Chapel is a cooperative venture. We do not charge a fee for participation in our Sunday morning program or the many special events during the year. In order to ensure success, we **require** everyone who has a child or youth enrolled in RE to volunteer in the program. Please mark below where you would like to volunteer this year. (You may mark more than one!)

___ Teaching Team

Lead teachers work in rotation in the classroom, teaching on average two weeks per month. Staff support for classroom set up is ongoing throughout the year. Teacher training is held at the beginning of the church year and teacher development meetings are offered throughout the year.

___ Assistants Team

This valuable role is filled from our parent pool and is scheduled on a rotational basis. Generally, assistants serve in RE one to two weeks each month. Assistants are encouraged to attend the teacher development meetings scheduled throughout the church year.

___ Children's Chapel Ministry Team

Teams of two lead Children's Chapel during the worship hour on Sundays. This is a rotational position with service occurring one to two weeks per month. Training is held in late summer. Staff and team support are ongoing throughout the year.

___ Religious Education Team

Members of the RET plan activities, coordinate social justice projects, support weekly RE classes, hold monthly meetings, and support the work of the Director of Religious Education. This important work requires many hands. Ideally, members of the committee serve for a term of three years.

___ Special Events Team

Coordinate a party, lead an egg hunt, staff a classroom during an Activity Sunday! These are the opportunities for our volunteers.

___ Activity Fair (Sept) ___ Fall Festival (Oct) ___ Egg Hunt (Easter)
___ Activity Sundays (5 during church year)

___ Social Justice Projects Team

The RE program sponsors a variety of social justice/action projects throughout the year. Many hands are needed in support. Projects may include: Sandwich making for a local homeless shelter, Mitten Tree project to collect warm wear for those in need, Adopt-a-Family for holiday sharing, donations for women's shelters, projects for Humane Society or other animal rescue groups.

___ RE child-led service Team

The annual RE service is led by the children and needs volunteers for script writing, music direction, costume making, prop gathering, and general direction. This is a can't miss opportunity to work with our wonderful young people.

Emerson Unitarian Universalist Chapel

Religious Education

Mission

The Religious Education Committee of Emerson Unitarian Universalist Chapel encourages our children and youth to explore our Unitarian Universalist identity, Jewish and Christian traditions, world religions, and social and environmental issues through discussion, worship, meaningful ritual and community involvement.

Vision

The Religious Education program at Emerson Unitarian Universalist Chapel provides an open, nurturing environment for our children and youth to study the wisdom and experiences of other spiritual seekers so they may become spiritually fulfilled, conscientious, compassionate members of our local and global communities.

Religious Education Team

Susan Bell, chair
Dawn French-Bell
Steve Harvey
Beth Painter
Nancy Belt
Harry Shukla
Chris Gamlin, youth coordinator

RE classes begin **August 5th!!**

REGISTRATION FORM is enclosed.

Please return to Emerson Chapel by July 15th

Contact Emerson's Director of Religious Education
with any questions. 636-256-7393
dre@emersonuuchapel.org

Welcome to Religious Education for Children and Youth!

You and your family are invited to join us in an exciting journey of discovery! Emerson Chapel's religious education program is designed to support and encourage spiritual growth in our young people with the overarching goal of offering each young person a firm grounding of belief, rooted in our Unitarian Universalist principles. From there, they can stretch, grow, question, and explore.

As a religious community, we support the individual's journey and, together, search for truth with open minds, learn to treat others with caring hearts, and attend to our earth and its needs with loving hands. Whatever your religious background—or even if you have never participated in a faith community before—there is room in our program for you. We are each enriched by others' faith journeys and celebrate our UU heritage as being a welcoming community of seekers.

As you enroll in the program, remember that regular attendance fosters friendships, group solidarity, understanding of the curriculum and familiarity with our rituals and practice. We encourage you to commit to coming to church often as it develops a sense of belonging to our community and helps participants learn to articulate and live their religion. Truly, it is a blessing to have you here!

Thank you for your support of Emerson Chapel and our Religious Education program. Together, we work to create a thoughtful and compassionate community of people destined to change the world!

Warm regards,

The Religious Education Team