

Church Calendar 2017-2018

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| 9/10 | Intergenerational-RE Open House & Registration |
| 9/17 | |
| 9/24 | |
| 10/1 | Traditional Communion |
| 10/8 | Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care |
| 10/15 | |
| 10/22 | |
| 10/29 | Intergenerational Service |
| 11/5 | Alternative Communion |
| 11/12 | Intergenerational: Leaf Raking Sunday |
| 11/19 | |
| 11/26 | |
| 12/3 | Traditional Communion |
| 12/10 | |
| 12/17 | Intergenerational- Christmas Pageant |
| 12/24 | |
| 12/31 | |
| 1/7 | Alternative Communion |
| 1/14 | |
| 1/21 | |
| 1/28 | Intergenerational Service |
| 2/4 | Intergenerational-Communion Service |
| 2/11 | |
| 2/18 | Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care |
| 2/25 | |
| 3/4 | Intergenerational-Drumming Service |
| 3/11 | |
| 3/18 | |
| 3/25 | |
| 4/1 | Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care |
| 4/8 | |
| 4/15 | |
| 4/22 | |
| 4/29 | |
| 5/6 | Intergenerational: Music Sunday |
| 5/13 | Affirmation |
| 5/20 | |
| 5/27 | Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care |
| 6/3 | Traditional Communion |
| 6/10 | RE Sunday & Picnic Celebration |

In RE we Respect Everyone:

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Nursery Care
2017-2018

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*The Nursery Room is located downstairs
from the Worship Hall.
One Volunteer is needed every Sunday to
assist our hired Nursery Worker.*

Nursery Care

Nursery Care is provided most Sundays for infants and toddlers up to age 3 during the worship service.

The nursery is located in the Meetinghouse, downstairs from the Sanctuary. It is a cooperative childcare service, with church participants volunteering and providing care. **We hope that all who benefit from the nursery offer an hour of their time to benefit others. We require at least two adults (16 and older) to be present in the nursery at all times:** one volunteer along with Sarah McKinley, our hired Nursery Care provider.

Children can be dropped off in the nursery 10 minutes before the start of worship, as long as there are two adults present. *If there are not two adults present, we ask that the adult dropping off the child stay and wait until both arrive.*

There is NO NURSERY CARE on Holiday Sundays; however, the Nursery room is always available for parents to stay with their own children. Nursery Care will be provided on most Intergenerational Sundays.

FPCU's Nursery Care

Provider: Sarah McKinley

We are so pleased to welcome Sarah back for her second year as our Nursery Caretaker. She is a senior at Westford Academy, active in theater & soccer. She has experience working with children as a CIT at an overnight camp, and as a babysitter. She is First Aid and CPR certified. Sarah is no stranger to FPCU, attending RE for several years here and making her Affirmation in 2014. Sarah will be in the FPCU Nursery most Sundays from 10am-12pm. **Following our policy, there will be a volunteer in the nursery as well.**

Health & Safety:

We care very much about the health of all our children, so please **do not** allow children in the nursery

- within 24 hours of having a fever of 101°F
- with a severe cough
- within 24 hours of vomiting or having diarrhea
- with red, irritated and draining eyes
- with head lice, or
- with any rashes of unknown origin.

Due to potential food allergies, WE DO NOT ALLOW FOOD/SNACKS TO BE EATEN IN THE NURSERY. If a child needs to have a snack during the hour, the parent/adult may come and take the child out of the nursery to eat, then return when the child is done.

Sign-in Procedure:

- Parents/guardians fill out sign in sheet, with child's name & name of adult(s) picking up, along with any other important information (allergies, etc).
- Nametag is placed on the child's back.
- Child's belongings are labeled.

From Nursery to Pre-School / Pre-K

Every year we have parents of nursery children wondering whether their child is ready for the PS/PK RE class. The RE committee has devised a list of criteria that we hope will aid you in your decision.

Your child is ready for PS/PK if they are:

- 3 years of age by September 1, 2017**
- able to follow simple directions
- able to sit in his/her seat for defined periods of time (5-10min)
- potty trained
- able to hold crayons and markers appropriately, and use scissors with some help
- able to eat and drink snacks appropriately on their own
- able to work independently with minimum individual adult supervision

Please note: Children progress at different ages and stages; if your child is not quite 3 and/or potty trained, but ready to sit and do 'work' at the table, and you feel they are bored in the nursery-**You are more than welcome to join them in the PS/PK class and enjoy the class with them.**