

Pre-School/Pre-K  
RE Calendar 2017-2018

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|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 9/10  | <b>Intergenerational-RE Open House &amp; Registration</b> |
| 9/17  | #1 Welcome                                                |
| 9/24  | #2 Inside Our Congregation                                |
| 10/1  | #3 Outside Our Congregation                               |
| 10/8  | <b>Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care</b>            |
| 10/15 | PK-5th World Religion workshop                            |
| 10/22 | #4 Making Chalices                                        |
| 10/29 | <b>Intergenerational Service</b>                          |
| 11/5  | #5 All Around Us                                          |
| 11/12 | <b>Intergenerational: Leaf Raking Sunday</b>              |
| 11/19 | #6 Chalice Necklaces                                      |
| 11/26 | #7 Beauty of Nature                                       |
| 12/3  | PK-3rd Holiday Lesson- Advent Wreaths                     |
| 12/10 | PK-5th Holiday Lesson- Hanukkah                           |
| 12/17 | <b>Intergenerational- Christmas Pageant</b>               |
| 12/24 | PK-5th Holiday Lesson- Christmas                          |
| 12/31 | #8 Helping Others                                         |
| 1/7   | PK-5th Group Lesson                                       |
| 1/14  | #9 A Special Jigsaw Puzzle                                |
| 1/21  | PK-5th Social Justice workshop                            |
| 1/28  | <b>Intergenerational Service</b>                          |
| 2/4   | <b>Intergenerational Service</b>                          |
| 2/11  | #10 Feeling Sad                                           |
| 2/18  | <b>Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care</b>            |
| 2/25  | #11 Imagination                                           |
| 3/4   | <b>Intergenerational-Drumming Service</b>                 |
| 3/11  | #12 My Shadow                                             |
| 3/18  | #13 Friendship                                            |
| 3/25  | PK-5th Holiday Lesson- Passover                           |
| 4/1   | <b>Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care</b>            |
| 4/8   | #14 Sick!                                                 |
| 4/15  | PK-5th Group Lesson                                       |
| 4/22  | #15 Lost!                                                 |
| 4/29  | PK-5th World Religion workshop                            |
| 5/6   | <b>Intergenerational: Music Sunday</b>                    |
| 5/13  | PK-5th Group Lesson                                       |
| 5/20  | #16 Teddy Bear Party                                      |
| 5/27  | <b>Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care</b>            |
| 6/3   | Review/ RE Sunday Prep                                    |
| 6/10  | <b>RE Sunday &amp; Picnic Celebration</b>                 |

In RE we Respect Everyone:

D ifferent  
 I ndividuals  
 V aluing  
 E ach other  
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Pre-School

Pre-K

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Religious  
Education

A Cooperative Program

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*Two Volunteer Teachers needed each Sunday*

*PK lesson folders are located in Room #2*

*Lessons can also be viewed on-line*

[http://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/chalice children](http://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/chalice%20children)  
<http://firstparishwestford.org/religious-education/>

## Pre-School & Pre-K Curriculum

Continuing this year, PS & Pre-K students will be using the UU curriculum

### ***Chalice Children: A Tapestry of Faith Program for Children.***

This curriculum introduces the basic tenets of our UU faith to young children and their families. Those tenets are our love, our covenantal community, our celebration of diversity, a personal sense of wonder and awe, and our hope and work for a better world.

*Chalice Children* is based on the belief that preschool children gain a sense of belonging to their religious community and the Unitarian Universalist faith when they have concrete experiences with its people and places. In *Chalice Children*, young children learn about their congregation's people and explore the physical building and surroundings that the congregation calls "home."

Chalice Children is also based on the philosophy that a child's spiritual development is related to the child's own direct experiences. A playroom at home or school is the laboratory for living. Children's toys are their schoolbooks. Their paints and modeling clay are their pens and pencils. Young children discuss problems by reliving them in dramatic play. They question and wonder most vividly when in contact with real phenomena through touch, sight, or sound. Children learn the worth of other people when they encounter other children, experience conflicts in play, and discover that others have feelings, too.

### **The lessons in *Chalice Children* will:**

- Nurture children's sense of wonder and respect for the world around us
- Grow children's sense of belonging to the congregation
- Celebrate the diversity of families, of individuals, and of ways of being in the world
- Build children's identity with a Unitarian Universalist congregation
- Teach to the importance of sharing and expressing love
- Support parents and caregivers in their search for a meaningful family life
- Nurture hope for a just and fair world.