

Church Calendar 2018-2019

9/16
9/23
9/30
10/7 HOLIDAY- NO NURSERY CARE
10/14
10/21
10/28
11/4
11/11 HOLIDAY - NO NURSERY CARE
11/18
11/25
12/2
12/9
12/16
12/23
12/30
1/6
1/13
1/20
1/27
2/3
2/10
2/17 HOLIDAY - NO NURSERY CARE
2/24
3/3
3/10
3/17
3/24
3/31
4/7
4/14
4/21 HOLIDAY - NO NURSERY CARE
4/28
5/5
5/12
5/19
5/26 HOLIDAY - NO NURSERY CARE
6/2
6/9

In RE we Respect Everyone:

Different
 Individuals
 Valuing
 Each other
 Regardless of
 Skin
 Intellect
 Talents or
 Years

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Nursery Care

2018-2019

Religious Education

A Cooperative Program

@ First Parish Church United
 Westford, MA

*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 Kiley Flanagan, 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: Kiley Flanagan

We are pleased to announce that our new nursery caretaker is Kiley Flanagan. Kiley is no stranger to the nursery room or to our RE program. The Flanagan family are long-time members of FPCU, and since making her affirmation in 2016, Kiley has volunteered in the nursery and in the PS/PK RE class. Kiley is a junior at Westford Academy, active in technical theatre, rec basketball and girl scouts. She also volunteers as a youth girls basketball coach. Kiley will be in the Nursery most Sundays from 10-12, along with a volunteer.

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, 2018**
 - 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.**