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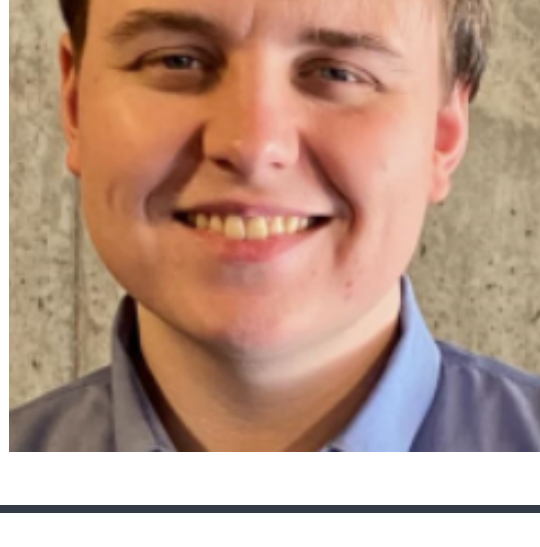
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Summer is here and USH is buzzing with excitement as we relax and reset for the new year ahead!

The Sprouts Nursery will be open every Sunday this summer. Activities for older children will also be available. All are welcome to sit in on services, however!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: COME SAY GOODBYE TO BRYANT MOORE THIS SUNDAY (this is actually his last Sunday)!



This past year, our RE family at USH was blessed with the presence of Mr. Bryant Moore, Youth Leader extraordinaire!

He is moving to continue his graduate school studies, and spoke about his experiences working with our middle and high schoolers this last Sunday.

This is the last Sunday he plans on worshipping with us before moving to New Hampshire, so if any who worked with Bryant may like to come say goodbye in person, this weekend's service would be the time.

Our hearts go with Bryant wherever his path takes him, he is a truly bright and caring individual and we hope to see him again some day.

From everyone in the USH family, thank you Bryant!

Mario Kart and UU History Team Up This Summer!



Rev up your engines and grab your power stars, USH

RE is holding a special Mario Kart racing event

throughout the summer in the library during services!

We had three amazing competitors last weekend and

the leaderboard is as follows:

1. **PeteY Piranha Murray.**
2. **Yoshi Starr King**
3. **Rosalina Waldo Emerson.**

You might have noticed some familiar names in our leaderboard, specifically names shared with famous Unitarian Universalists such as Rev. John Murray and Rev. Thomas Starr King. All our leaderboard names

this summer are connected to historical UU's who we'll be learning about before the races begin each Sunday this summer! (And they're also connected, of course,

with a beloved Mario Kart racer!)

Come this weekend to learn about John Murray and Thomas Starr King before racing with a historical figure of your own!

Join us in the library during services, 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM to participate!



Huge Thank You To Our Volunteer Clean Out Crew!



Last Tuesday afternoon, the Bleck family (Paula, Jonathan, and Amelia), Brianna Bittel, and Kevin

Girouard worked tirelessly sorting through the unbelievable amount of RE supplies and relics that

have been resting in the Murray storage room for the past decade or so. Thanks to their efforts, the once

cluttered shelves have been transformed into a clean work space that will be housing Chancel Arts very soon.

Thank you to all who helped clean from the entire RE family!

The Chalice Clubhouse Reading List is Here!

THE CHALICE CLUBHOUSE



SUMMER READING 2023

Summer is a great time to hone your reading skills, and the Chalice Clubhouse has a complete listing of all the

stories read, or inspired by, our programming throughout the last year at USH! All entries have the

front cover, ISBN numbers, a short summary, ages, and a fun fact about each book. Be on the lookout for our

seven principles and six sources as you read! How many can you find in each story? Check out your local

library for these and other titles from the same authors!

Happy reading!

Chalice Clubhouse Reading List 2023

Find a library near you!

Become a Part of the RE Family!



**JOIN IN THE FUN
THIS FALL!**

VOLUNTEER FOR RE!

Want to play a role in helping guide the spiritual growth of the UU's of tomorrow? Consider volunteering

in RE for the 2023-2024 church year!

Signup will begin in the coming weeks; if you're interested, email re4ush@gmail.com with the subject line "Next Year's RE" in the meantime.

Below are the available roles for our upcoming RE season:

Chalice Clubhouse Instructors:

- Age/Grade Range: Kindergarten thru 6th grade.
- Role Description: Instructors will be asked to provide a fun-loving, responsible, and welcoming presence for Chalice Clubhouse participants. We will do crafts, play games, and have discussions throughout the year with the 7 Principles as our guiding compass in all we do. This role is ideal for those who enjoy working with elementary-aged children.
- Number of Roles Available: 3-5.
- Time Commitment: At least one Sunday a month.

Youth Group Instructors:

- Age/Grade Range: 6th thru 12th grade.
- Role Description: Instructors will be asked to provide an empathetic, responsible, and open-minded presence for Youth Group participants. We will have discussions weekly, make our famous soup for both the Congregation and Hartford's soup kitchens monthly, and craft a Youth Service at the end of the year. The 7 Principles will be the cornerstone of all our meetings as our youth discover their identities and freely express themselves. This role is ideal for those who enjoy working with middle and high-school-aged youth.
- Number of Roles Available: 2-3
- Time Commitment: At least two Sundays a month.

Sprouts Nursery Volunteers:

- Age/Grade Range: Infants, toddlers, and Pre-K.
- Role Description: Volunteers will be asked to provide a friendly, responsible, and nurturing presence for all nursery participants. We will facilitate free play for those who feel the need to be active, comfortable spaces for those feeling a bit tired, and a safe embrace for those wishing to be held. We hold the 7 Principles close in our hearts as we watch over our youngest participants as they begin their journey of self-discovery and learning. This role is ideal for those who enjoy working with infants, toddlers, and Pre-Kindergarten aged children.
- Number of Roles Available: 2-3.
- Time commitment: At least one Sunday a month.



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