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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!

Goodbye and Good Luck To Bryant Moore!



This past year, our RE family at USH was blessed with the presence of Mr. Bryant Moore, Youth Leader extraordinaire! This past Sunday was his last worship service with us, so we got him a cake (one of his favorite things about coming to USH was that we often have cakes not just to celebrate birthdays but for all manner of special occasions in our congregants' lives) and a small token of our collective appreciation for all the hard work he put in this past year!

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. **Henry Wigglesworth Longfellow.**
2. **Kamek Servetus.**
3. **Peteey Piranha Murray.**
4. **Yoshi Starr King.**
5. **Henry David Thoreau.**
6. **Rosalina Waldo Emerson.**

You might have noticed some familiar names in our leaderboard, specifically names shared with famous Unitarian Universalists such as Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Michael Servetus 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 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Michael Servetus 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!



USH RE Gives Back!



Pictured above: Classroom D full of donatable items BEFORE visitors came.

Over the last few weeks, RE has been doing a spring (or rather summer) clean out of several storage rooms around the Meeting House. We found a treasure trove of items that we no longer needed, so with the help of our wonderful office administrator, Karolina, we have advertised all our extra supplies to local teachers, daycares, and parents that could use them and over a dozen have come by USH to get some of what they needed for the coming school year!

Thank you to all who helped clean, organize, and oversaw individuals coming in to take a peak at what we had up for grabs from the entire RE family!

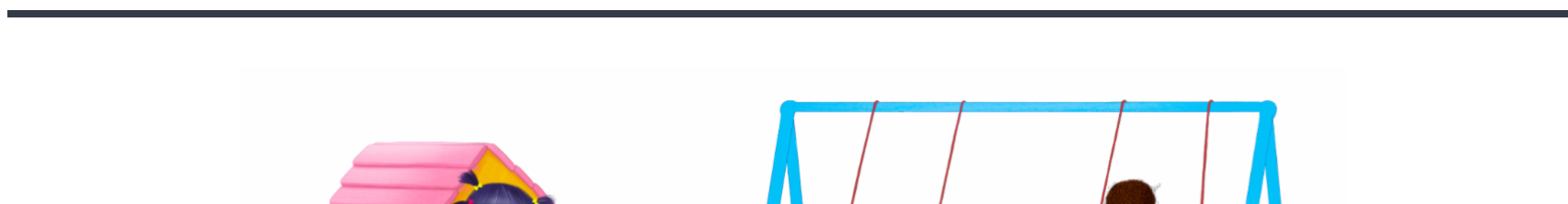
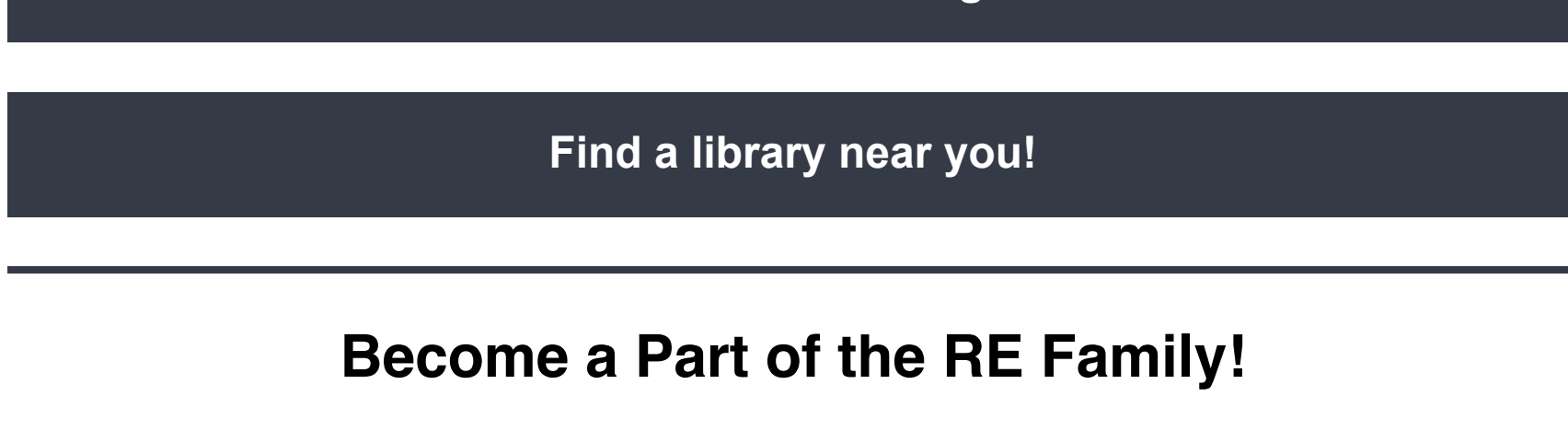
Pictured below: Classroom D AFTER visitors came.



The Chalice Clubhouse Reading List is Here!



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!



Become a Part of the RE Family!



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.

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.