

Worship

Worship is a fundamental element of the Religious Education Program at Community Church.

Children and youth begin each Sunday with worship in the classroom. These creative, diverse services help children and youth nurture their spirituality and grow their souls.

Sunday Program

Our Religious Education Program provides a community where children and adults can explore together the great religious questions of our human family. Religious Education is a great responsibility. It is shared by parents, caregivers and our church family. The Unitarian Universalist approach is unique in that it focuses on human and spiritual values. Each child is encouraged to develop their concept of their place in the world, while strengthening their moral compass.

Our teachers bring to the classroom their diverse backgrounds, ages, life experiences and gifts of time and attention to all learners.

UU Principles and Purposes **Children's Version**

As Unitarian Universalists we affirm that:

- Every person is important and valuable.
- All people should be treated fairly.
- Our churches are places where we should accept and learn from one another.
- Each person should be free to search for what is true and right.
- All people have the right to speak out and vote on things that matter to them.
- We should help build a peaceful, fair and free world.
- We need to take care of the earth, the home that we share with all living creatures.

Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

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Encouraging our children to think, explore, learn, share and grow within our UU spiritual community.



Religious Education and Family Ministries

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ABOUT US



The Religious Education and Family Ministries at the Community Church of New York extend a warm welcome to you and your family! Our program provides opportunities for children and adults to gently develop their religious faith as individuals and as families that celebrate and grow together.

Unitarian Universalism teaches us that religious growth and learning are a life-long process. Our program seeks to provide our children and youth with the experiences and tools to encourage their own religious development and to ground them in the ethical and spiritual dimensions of life.

Our program is designed to help young people grow into and live out their Unitarian Universalist faith. Children will learn the history and values of Unitarian Universalism and to appreciate the richness and diversity of other world

religions. At Community Church, we teach children to integrate their faith and values through social justice and service.

We invite you to get to know us and to let us get to know you.

In faith,

Esther Rosado

Director of Lifespan Religious Education

OUR PROGRAM

The philosophy of our Religious Education/Family Ministry Program at Community Church is to give our children the tools to live spiritually, to live justly and to live with meaning in the world. We want our program to encourage children and youth to make their own decisions and to think their own thoughts, to nurture in them a search for truth, a respect for all people, and a wonder for the universe.

Our Sunday morning sessions are inclusive and welcoming to all children no matter their abilities or interests. Our staff and volunteers, which include Jil Novenski, Sheila Kaminsky and Michelle Asencio are deeply committed. Along with parents and friends, we work together to make this an engaging and nurturing community.

Infant to Age 4: Nursery Nurture

Our youngest children will receive warm and loving care here. Parents are welcome to visit our rooms at any time. We ask that parents bring bottles, diapers, and any special instructions they may have for their little ones.

Ages 5-9: Free to Believe & Picture Book World Religions

This is the perfect environment for fostering your child's exploration of UU principles, values and questions of God, creation of life and an introduction to world religions through stories.

Ages 10-13: Compass Points

This new curriculum focuses on creating community in various environments. It creates space for children to explore their beliefs, their UU faith, and their relationships with others and the world.

Special Dates

- Sept 9** Homecoming
- Oct 7** No RE Classes/Nursery
- Oct 28** Halloween Party*
(Trick-or-treat for UNICEF – Costumes welcome!)
- Nov 18** Art Party with Art Camp
- Dec 2** Holiday Craft Fair
- Dec 9** Art Party with Art Camp
- Dec 16** Holiday Celebration
- June 9** RE/FM Sunday



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