

**U**nitarian Universalist Religious Education is designed to be a safe and nurturing atmosphere for our young people to learn, grow and flourish. We encourage questions and foster respect for a variety of different ideas and beliefs.

Children and youth are a vital and valued part of this unique intergenerational community of seekers and free thinkers.

People's Church is a loving and affirming congregation. We strive to create the beloved community which welcomes everyone regardless of race, gender or sexual identity.

The heart of our UU religious values is Love. With respect for our differences, we aspire to live our lives in right relations, seeking truth and working for justice together in Love.



All of who you are is sacred. All of who you are is welcome.



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## Religious Education for Children & Youth



*People's Church  
of Kalamazoo*

Unitarian Universalism



## Our Community

Children and youth are integral members of our intergenerational congregation of liberal religious seekers. We worship together for portions of each Sunday and then often gather in age-specific groups for developmentally appropriate religious growth and learning opportunities.

The first Sunday of most months, children participate in Specialty Classes where they choose the fun activity they wish to participate in that day. These are designed to help different age groups know one another better and encourage a variety of adults to interact with the children.

We enjoy five intergenerational Sunday services each year where all ages build community by worshipping together.

Contact us to join our Religious Education Parents Facebook page.



## Religious Education

Our religious education classes are designed to give our children and youth exposure to a variety of perspectives and ideas to assist in their personal faith development.

We offer a series of five pillar curriculum subjects. The goal is for students to be exposed to each pillar twice at different developmental stages as they grow up in the RE program.

- ◆ World Religions
- ◆ Peace and Social Justice
- ◆ Unitarian Universalism
- ◆ Our Jewish and Christian Heritage
- ◆ The Interdependent Web of Life

Through engaging stories from around the world, meaningful activities and thoughtful discussions, students are exposed to religious ideas, beliefs and practices designed to inform their own values and support them in living out those values in the world.



## OUR YOUNGEST MEMBERS

We offer childcare in our nursery for infants and toddlers who are lovingly cared for from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm each Sunday.

Our Preschool class meets every week to introduce 3, 4 and 5 year olds to our UU rituals of chalice lighting, songs, sharing time as well as engaging lessons and activities to convey our values.



## TEENS AND TWEENS

We have a very large and active group of middle and high school youth who enjoy church sleep overs, youth group activities and attending regional UU youth conferences.