

2011 - 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September, 2011

- 6 CREMT Meeting
- 10 RE Leader Orientation,
- 11 Children's Chapel Service
- 18 First Day of Classes
5/6 Our Whole Lives Parent Orientation
Required parent Orientation during services
- 25 5/6 Our Whole Lives parent/Child Orientation

October, 2011

- 2 5/6 Our Whole Lives session I
- 4 CREMT Meeting
- 9 5/6 Our Whole Lives session II
- 16 5/6 Our Whole Lives session III
- 23 International Food Faire for UNICEF (TBD)
5/6 Our Whole Lives session IV
- 29 Halloween Carnival
- 30 5/6 Our Whole Lives session V

November, 2011

- 1 CREMT Meeting
- 6 5/6 Our Whole Lives session VI
- 13 5/6 Our whole Lives session VII
- 20 5/6 Our whole Lives session VIII
- 27 Children's Chapel

December, 2011

- 4 Nativity Tableau Rehearsal
- 6 CREMT Meeting
- 11 Nativity Tableau Rehearsal
- 18 Children's Holiday Party
Nativity Tableau Dress Rehearsal

- 24 Family Christmas Eve Vespers
- 25 Christmas worship

January, 2012

- 1 Intergenerational Service
- 3 CREMT Meeting
- 15 Children's Chapel

February, 2012

- 7 CREMT Meeting

March, 2012

- 7 CREMT Meeting

April, 2012

- 1 Religious Education Open House
- 8 Easter Intergenerational Service
- 3 CREMT Meeting

May, 2012

- 7 CREMT Meeting
- 27 Last Day of regular Religious Education Program

June, 2012

- 1-3 All Church Camp
- 3 Children's Camp at Home Sunday
- 5 CREMT Meeting
- 10 Beginning of Children's Summer Program

Our Mission

**The mission of First Unitarian
Universalist Church of San Diego is
to create community, to nurture
spiritual growth, and to act on our
values to help heal the world.**

Parent's Guide to Religious Education Programs



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Parent Involvement

Ours is a cooperative, volunteer-led Religious Education program. There are many ways in which you can be involved.

You can also assist in creating a meaningful program for your children by:

- bringing them regularly
- learning about the curriculum
- getting to know their leaders
- sharing your own interest in the church with your children
- participating in special class and all-church activities

After all, religious education takes place in the context of a family's total involvement in their chosen religious community.

Families with children or youth in our program are asked to either make a financial pledge to the church, or pay a program fee. The fee stands at \$100 per child/youth with a family maximum of \$300 for the year. Should this fee be a financial hardship for any family, a one-year waiver may be requested from either of our Ministers or the Director of Religious Education. Fees will not apply until the second year of participation in the program. **Families are also expected to volunteer a minimum of five hours per church year.** Options for volunteering are part of the registration form.

Ways you can help

- **Volunteer to assist.** You can help in your child's class, or in another class. You can volunteer in the RE Office on Sundays or during the week. You can help the Children's Religious Education Ministry Team with its ongoing tasks and special events.
- **Become involved in the church as a whole.** Read the Newsletter, know what is going on, express your opinions, and get involved.
- **Know what is happening in your child's class** and reinforce the themes at home.

Registration and Attendance

Registration forms are available on the Religious Education table on the upper patio on Sunday, or by calling the Church Office at 619.298.9978.

Our Religious Education (RE) Program at our Hillcrest Campus is offered in two sessions, at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. **It is important to register your child (ren) for one session or the other. Children need to be able to make friends and to get acquainted with their teachers. Likewise, the teachers need to know who their students are in order to plan for their class sessions.**

We are offering a different Religious Education programs at each of our services. At 9:30 there are smaller age groupings. The curriculum being used are age appropriate and reflect a continuation of the programming our families have come to trust. At 11:30 we are offering an alternative program. We will offer two broader age-span classes that will focus on more active participation of our students. Children will have the opportunity to know a wider group of classmates and be able to learn in more active ways.

Be sure that we have your current address, phone number, and E-mail. Let us know if there is any special information we should have about your child, such as allergies or medical conditions that might effect how we plan our classes.

Age and Grade Policy

Generally, our age groupings follow those of the San Diego public schools. Children coming into the Religious Education programs will be placed in classes according to their current grade levels.

Worship

Worship is an important part of our Religious Education program. The communal aspect of worship is central to why we come here. This is a time for adults and children alike to share and learn from each other. It is an acknowledgment that we are all part of this religious community. Please arrive in time for you and your children to take part in worshipping together in the Meeting House and help them learn appropriate behavior for the worship service.



Abuse Prevention Policy

The church has adopted an Abuse Policy and a Code of Ethics for Religious Education leaders. The Children's Religious Education Ministry Team (CREMT) has established a number of guidelines relating to that policy and code, including in-service education for leaders on reporting procedures. For additional information consult CREMT members, RE staff.



Children's Religious Education Ministry Team (CREMT)

The Children's Religious Education Ministry Team (CREMT) has the responsibility for the nursery through sixth grade programs. These responsibilities include recruiting, training, and supporting class leaders; developing church school curriculum, establishing program goals, policies, and procedures; facilitating communication among the leaders, parents, staff, and other church groups; and promoting the children's program and sponsoring intergenerational activities. Anyone interested in our Children's Program is invited to attend the committee's meeting. Please call Liz Jones at 619.298.9978 for more information.

2010-2012 CREMT Members:

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