



Children's Religious Education



ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR...

...a community where children are enthusiastically welcomed and where diversity is celebrated?

...religious education for all ages that honors the Jewish and Christian traditions but also celebrates wisdom from the world's religions?

...age and developmentally appropriate worship and classroom experiences that honor a variety of learning styles and abilities?

...a church school curriculum that is guided by humanist teachings about the use of reason, the development of individual conscience, and the results of science?

...a program that celebrates the sacred circle of life and living in harmony with nature?

...an opportunity to provide input to and feedback about your child's religious education experiences?

...a community that welcomes and supports all people and all families?

AT ASC WE OFFER...

...a Lifespan Religious Education Library,

...classes such as *Parents as Spiritual Guides*,

...nursery care with pager access for parents,

...intergenerational worship and events, and

...a Parents Council.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How do I get started?

A: Children are welcome to join our Children's Religious Education (CRE) program at any time. Just come by the Perkins Room before church to drop-off your children and you can meet the staff and volunteers.

If you'd like to call ahead with questions or let us know you're coming, contact ASC's lifespan religious educator, Vera OBrien at VOBrien@ASCBoston.org or call the office at 617-536-7050.



Q: Are there any fees for enrollment?

A: No. Our program is supported by pledges from members and friends during our Covenant Renewal process.



Q: Who will teach my child?

A: Our program is coordinated by a professional religious educator assisted by a ministry

student, our ministerial intern, and volunteers from our congregation. Our senior minister and our governing body, the Prudential Committee, oversee the program.

Q: What will my child be taught?

A: The curricula we use changes each year and during the year. For up to date information, contact us via e-mail at CRE@ASCBoston.org or call the church office at 617-536-7050.

Our general goals are building community, encouraging the growth of empathy and compassion, developing strong ethical decision making skills, providing opportunities for creative expression, participating in service projects, and having fun!

Q: What religious education opportunities are there for adults at ASC?

Through the **Arlington Street Center for Liberal Religious Inquiry and Spiritual Practice** adults in the ASC community can take part in dozens of classes and groups offered each year. For the most up-to-date information, visit the website and read about course offerings!

Q: Who do I talk to if I have more questions?

A: You can always chat with ASC's lifespan religious educator, Vera OBrien. To reach her, you can e-mail VOBrien@ASCBoston.org or call her at church, 617-536-7050.



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.
- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.



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