

Unitarian Universalist Church of Charlotte  
Religious Education Program for Children and Youth  
Summer Program 2011

We provide year round religious education programming for our children, ages 3 years through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. During the summer, we offer fewer classes, but equally high quality experiences.

9:15am: Preschool / K and 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades.

11:15am: Preschool / K, 1st-5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>.

We have paid coordinators for the younger classes, providing continuity and a knowledge of the overall program goals. This year's coordinators are Melissa Schropp and Janet Marx.

This is Melissa's second summer in her position with the Preschool classes, plus she is a long-time RE teacher at this level. The two classes she is coordinating are story book focused, with lots of fun indoor and outdoor activities.

Janet is coordinating the Elementary "Spirituality Through the Arts" program, a position for which she is expertly suited being both an artist and a professional teacher. Each week, a congregational member comes to the class and talks about his or her art, then leads the children in a hands-on project. All these Guest Artist positions are filled and activities include: making suncatchers, sculpting, designing and making jewelry, screen-printing tee-shirts, creating a 4-panel comic, learning to draw caricatures, painting, playing the handbells, collaging, teaching photography using sun prints, using cement to create nature art, and writing limericks! Each artist will begin the class by sharing how art touches his/her spirit.

Our middle school class is led totally by volunteers. If you like movies and discussing them, this is the class for you! We are using the UU program, "Popcorn Theology," which provides discussion questions and activities based on excerpts from the movie of the day. The titles of the movies are listed on the bulletin board in the RE hall.

Contact CYRE Director, [Kathleen Carpenter](#) for additional information.