



Parental Responsibilities

Safety and Supervision: On arrival on Sunday morning, Parents/Guardians are asked to assist young people in signing the attendance sheet at the MCY table in the foyer. Parents should then accompany young people to their team's room or the Sanctuary as appropriate. Younger children (infants through Preschool) may be taken directly to their rooms where they can sign in. ***For their safety, Children & Youth are required to be under adult supervision at all times.*** If they are not attending RE sessions or other MCY activities they are expected to be under their parent's or guardian's supervision. Before and after scheduled RE sessions, parents are responsible for the direct supervision of their children while on the playground or elsewhere on the campus. ***Young People should never be in a building, or on the playground without adult supervision.***

Childcare: Childcare for all ages is available from 9.00am on Sunday mornings for those parents/guardians who wish to attend Adult Religious Education classes. Our professional caregiver will welcome children as parents sign them into the nursery. Parents must come to the nursery to sign their child out once their Adult RE has been dismissed. Childcare is provided in the *Nursery* for infants & toddlers.

Religious Exploration (RE): Children *age 2 years through grade 12* may participate in Religious Exploration activities on Sunday mornings. Teams meet in rooms in both Fellowship & Discovery Halls during the time when the adult community is in the Worship Service. Parents or guardians are expected to be available, if needed, during this time. ***Our younger children will not be dismissed without an adult.*** Children age 2 years through grade 5 should be picked up by a parent or designated adult at 11.40am. ***We respectfully ask that parents wait until 11.40am to collect their young ones, as RE Teams need this time to complete their sessions.***

Involvement: Ours is a '*Shared Ministry with Children & Youth*'. Parents and other UUMAN members who have been attending UUMAN for six months or longer are warmly invited (*encouraged*) to apply to be a Religious Exploration Volunteer. Our program relies on dedicated volunteers who make a significant contribution to our ministry, our church, and the Principles of Unitarian Universalism.

Attendance: ***A vital part of the faith development is the experience of being together in community.*** Those who attend regularly get the most from the experience and are able to build strong and lasting relationships by sharing their gifts (& *struggles*) with their church community. Young People want & need to make meaningful friendships. They look forward to seeing each other on Sunday & may be disappointed if their friends are absent. We hope to support each family in making regular church attendance a priority.

Financial Commitment: We believe that the faith development of our young people is the responsibility of the entire congregation. In addition to a voluntary donation for MCY enrollment, ***we encourage families to provide strong financial support to UUMAN through their annual pledge.*** With your support we are able to provide professional staff, training, clean and attractive meeting spaces, meaningful curricula, & general program supplies.