

RGL Needs You!

We are a COOPERATIVE RGL Program! We cannot be a successful program without the involvement of each family. We know you have unique skills and gifts to share. Will you tell us how each adult family member will be involved in RGL?

Please consider and check the appropriate box:

- Nursery/Preschool Assistant: Approx. 7 –10 Sundays per year
- Classroom Teacher K-12: Approx. 7 –10 Sundays per year
- Classroom Assistant K-12: Approx. 7 –10 Sundays per year
- Ingathering Leader or Assistant: As needed—to be coordinated with Chelsea Krafka
- Substitute Teacher or Assistant: As needed– to be coordinated with Chelsea Krafka
- Youth In Action Assistant: As needed—Wednesday nights 6-7:30 to be coordinated with Chelsea Krafka
- Youth In Action Event Helper: As needed
- Family Special Events/Project Help (Guest at Your Table, Secret Friends, Souper Supper, etc.): As needed
- Join our RGL Committee: Approx. 1 Sunday per month
- Classroom/Building Cleanup: 2 times per year
- Guest Storyteller: As needed- to be coordinated with Chelsea Krafka
- Other (Please list): _____

Return form to church office or Chelsea's mailbox located beside the church office or complete online at www.unitarianlincoln.org or mail to the church address:

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UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LINCOLN



Religious Growth and Learning

Preschool—High School Education Programs **2018-2019**

Nurturing a community of growing Unitarian Universalists

Welcome to Our Church!

2018-2019 Religious Growth and Learning Sunday School Calendar

September

2- ING
9- First Day of Classes
16- Classes
23- Classes
30-Classes

October

7-Classes
14-ING
21-Classes
28-AAS

November

4- Classes
11-Classes
18-AAS
25-Classes

December

2-Classes
9-Classes
16-AAS
23-AAS
30-ING

January

6- Classes
13- Classes
20-Classes
27-Classes

February

3- ING
10-Classes
17-AAS
24-Classes

March

3- Classes
10-Classes
17-Classes
25-Classes
31-Classes

April

7-Classes
14-Classes
21-AAS
28-Classes

May

5-ING
12-Classes
19-Classes
26-Classes

June

2-AAS
9-AAS
16-Summer
23-Summer
30-Summer

Key:

Classes = typical Sunday School class day

ING= Ingathering

AAS= All Ages Service

(See other page for description of Ingathering and All Ages Services)

Religious Growth and Learning Staff

Chelsea Krafska

Religious Growth Director

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Chelsea was welcomed as Director of Religious Growth in 2010. She previously served as Religious Education Director of the Second Unitarian Church of Omaha. She has a BA in Education (9-12 Social Sciences and ELL K-12 certification) and is currently pursuing an M.A. in 'Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education' with an emphasis in 'School, Society and Reform'.

Lindsay Bartlett

Preschool Coordinator

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Lindsay Bartlett is our Preschool Lead Teacher. She is excited to spend more time with her daughter during church while also teaching. Lindsay has experience in our Sunday School program as a Middle School assistant, K-1 teacher and assistant, and also in other church life as our pledge team leader and is a previous Board President. She currently works as Director of Education at the Lincoln Children's Museum

RGL Committee

Our RGL Program is the product of many helping hands and loving hearts! The RGL Committee consists of a committee chair (or co-chairs) and several interesting folks from diverse backgrounds—people just like you. Each person plays an important role and there is much attention paid to delegation so no one picks up too much weight alone. All planning and major RGL program decisions happen in our committee. Fun happens too!

The RGL Committee meetings happen once a month on Sundays following the service, or as needed. All who are interested in the program are welcome to join the committee or attend meetings on occasion. Please visit the website calendar for this year's schedule.

What We Do On Sundays

SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Everyone attends the beginning of the Sunday Service.

10:15 a.m. Children and youth leave the church service after the 'Time For All Ages' to attend classes or an Ingathering.

11:00 a.m. Sunday Service ends.

11:15 a.m. Classes end. Parents/Guardians are responsible for children. Please pick up children from classes if they are younger than 4th grade.

* Parents with children in Preschool (or younger), may bring their children to the Preschool room before the Sunday Service starts (available as of 9:45 a.m.) or preschoolers may attend the Story for All Ages and leave when the other children leave the service. Kindergarten and older children and youth always begin each Sunday in the service. There is no classroom supervision for Kindergarten and older children until 10:15 a.m.

INGATHERINGS

On certain Sundays throughout the year, children in K-8 will be invited to attend our Ingatherings. Preschool care is still provided and Kindergarteners have the option of being in the preschool room or attending the Ingathering. All children will join together into a large group in Room 7 or 'The Gathering Place'. Ingathering content is often focused on holidays and community building activities, discussion, or art projects. Parent and guardian help with Ingatherings is much appreciated. We will follow the same time schedule and format as regular RGL classes.

Please promptly pick up children younger than 4th grade at 11:15 a.m.

INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICES

When an Intergenerational Service is planned there will be no classes for children and youth (kindergarten through high school). Preschool care will be provided. Families with nursery or preschool children may alternatively choose to join their child in our Nursery/Parents Lounge (Room 1 in the North Hallway where the church service can be heard, or bring them to the Intergenerational Service. The service will be appropriate for all ages.

EXTENDED CHILDCARE

Extended care is available in the Preschool room until 12:30 p.m. each Sunday when there are meetings on the calendar. Parents should bring their child(ren) to the room at 11:15 a.m. **and sign them IN/OUT** so that the providers know children are in their care. There are no structured activities during this time, only supervision. Please pick up your children no later than 12:30 p.m.

Preschool:

Combination of the curriculum books: *Chalice Children* and *Celebrating Me and My World*. Lessons are specifically focused on concepts of peace and justice and are appropriate for the preschool level. Lessons introduce concepts such as: Peace, Sharing, Fairness, Friendship, Diversity, and Cooperation.

K-1st Grade Class:**Picture Book UU**

This curriculum pairs a picture book with UU principles with a lens of social justice and peace for this year. Each class involves the reading of a book along with discussion as well as a craft, movement activity game, or guest speaker.

3rd-5th Grade Class:**In Our Hands –A Peace and Social Justice Program**

The curriculum involves children in exploring their own knowledge and feelings about the issues of peace and justice. The program helps children to learn about their own feelings and understanding about conflict and unfairness and to explore constructive ways of resolving conflict and promoting peace and fairness in their personal relationships. *In Our Hands* also engages children in exploring peace and fairness in their relationship with nature. Finally, it introduces them to several Unitarian Universalists who have made contributions to peace and fairness in the world

Tapestry of Faith: Love Connects Us

Love Connects Us celebrates important ways Unitarian Universalists live our faith in covenanted community. Moved by love and gathered in spirit, we embrace our responsibility toward one another and the world at large. We encourage one another's search for truth and meaning. We strive to be active in peace-making and other efforts to improve our world.

Middle School (6-8th Grade Class):

Popcorn Theology: Students will watch a short clip from popular films and discuss 'big questions' as they pertain to our values and the topics of peace and social justice

High School (9th –12th Grade Class):

Sr. High students will combine curriculum, discussion, activities and guest speakers in their classroom experience to explore aspects of peace and social justice as it ties into our UU principles

Middle—High School Youth In Action (YIA)

Youth In Action is a group of middle and high school students with a focus on community building as well as social action and justice themes and activities. The leaders allow the youth to contribute their own ideas and passions to help drive their activities. We will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30- 8pm from October-May watch our website and newsletter for further info.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is an age-appropriate sexuality education curriculum developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ. OWL promotes sexual health based on guidelines of the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States. The RGL Committee is committed to offering a revolving calendar of OWL programming under the direction of trained OWL Coordinators. Please check our church newsletter or website for details and dates.

Coming of Age is offered to senior high school students. Students are paired with an adult mentor to explore what being a UU means to them. Students follow a syllabus and curriculum and have the option of becoming members of the church following graduation from the program. If you have a student who is interested please contact Chelsea Krafka at the beginning of the church year: