

Here's the Plan...

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Welcome back to church everyone! It is always so good to catch up with you after the summer break. I bet you are wondering what's going on in the religious education programs this year. And here is the plan!

Friendship Finders, those who are 4 years old through 5th graders will begin in the sanctuary with the congregation and will be “sung to class” as we have been doing in the past. Their curriculum this year is a Unitarian Universalist curriculum, **Picture Book World Religions**, and they will focus on Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, and Buddhism. Each class begins with a beautifully illustrated picture book with tales from the religion they are studying. The class will meet in Room 8 on the ground floor of the church. This year, we also have Room 9 available to us for breakout groups. Chandra and Pam Penton and Justin Kamal return to lead this class. Many thanks, Pam, Justin, and Chandra!



On Sunday, 9/23, Spirit Spark, our companion program to the more traditional worship service, begins. This year, we are offering Spirit Spark once a month, and **welcome back poet Regie O'Hare Gibon** who will lead us in considering the worship theme of the month through poetry and the spoken word. Spirit Spark participants, *(everyone between age 11 and all interested adults are warmly welcome – newcomers, too!)* begin in the sanctuary at 10:30 and after being “sung to class” by the congregation will meet in the Chapel.

Our Childcare has moved permanently to the Children's Library, off of Whitcomb Hall. Please help by letting visitors with babies and toddlers (up through age 3) know of this change. Chris Taylor is our childcare provider on Sunday mornings – thanks, Chris!

First Parish in Watertown has very generously invited our 8-12th graders to join their youth group. The first meeting of Youth Group was held at the Watertown church on Sunday, 9/16 at 12:15. A full Youth Group schedule will be forthcoming. We hope to plan several off-site adventures over the course of the year, and will host some of the meetings here, too. Details will be emailed to parents of youth and to the youth themselves.

High school aged youth are invited and encouraged to participate in any Adult Programs that interest them. See the Adult Programs Brochure for details. It is available on the church website, linked in this newsletter, and hard copies will be available on the Welcome Table on 9/23. Marc is offering several programs that I think will be interesting to youth – check them out!

Look for the Adult Programs brochure, available on the Welcome Table during coffee hour! We have a robust offering of programs for high school age youth and adults mostly beginning in October.

It's great to be back – see you in church!!

Lynne