

NEW! UUCA Children and Youth Choirs for 2018-2019

*When we sing, we change who we are.
When we change who we are, we change the world.*

A new church year means new opportunities for our children and youth to make music together and to share their song with our congregation. Song selections reflect the wide diversity of cultural and religious traditions welcomed and celebrated in our UU faith. ALL children and youth are welcome! No experience necessary! There is no cost to join any of our children and youth choirs. We do encourage families to support their singers and volunteers are welcome to help on Sundays when children and youth are singing in services.

CHALICE CHOIR (Kindergarten - 4th grade)

Members of the Chalice Choir are empowered to assert their voices and take fun risks as they begin to learn about their integral role within worship leadership. Chalice Choir meets in the Chapel between services from 10:30-11:05 am and sings in worship four times per year. Chalice Choir members will sing in both services, typically at the beginning of the service, and will be dismissed in time to attend RE. **Questions? Contact Dana Cook danadcook@gmail.com**

TRUUBADOURS (5th - 8th grade)

This group will gather in the safety of a song circle where they will be encouraged to discover the inherent beauty of their voices through shared song. This group meets Sundays from 12:30pm to 1pm and sings in worship four times per year. TrUUbadours will sing in both services, typically at the beginning of the service, and will be dismissed in time to attend RE. **Questions? Contact Dana Cook danadcook@gmail.com**

Our children's choirs will be led by UUCA Music Director Mimi Bornstein and Music Associate Sophia Morreales, both of whom have decades of experience teaching children to sing.

This year our children's choirs will be rehearsing for a few Sundays before each service in which they will sing (rather than rehearsing every Sunday). Please note the new schedule below.

Singing in Worship	Rehearsals (10:30 for Chalice Choir, 12:30 for TrUUbadours)
October 21	9/30, 10/7, 10/14
December 23	12/2, 12/9, 12/16
February 24	2/10, 2/17
June 9	5/19, 5/26, 6/2

NEW THIS YEAR! FAMILY POP UP CHOIR

Family Pop Up Choir is open to all ages and abilities and offers fun, community building singing opportunities for families and individuals without the commitment of attending regular rehearsals. This group will rehearse in the Sanctuary at 10:30am and sing that same day during the 11:15am service on these Sundays: November 11, December 24 (3pm & 5pm Christmas Eve services), January 27, March 24, May 5. **Questions? Contact Mimi Bornstein MimiB@uucava.org.**

YOUTH CHOIR AND SONGWRITING PROGRAM (9th-12th grade)

UUCA's artist in residence Maya Rogers will be working with our youth choir this year. We have all had the privilege of hearing Maya's original compositions in worship, and now our youth will have the opportunity to be working with her firsthand to write their own original music. This group will explore the craft of songwriting and group singing as a means of creative expression and to foster a sense of belonging and community. There will be opportunities to perform original music during worship services throughout the year. No singing or songwriting experience is necessary to participate. Instrumentalists are encouraged to join this group, as we hope to start at UUCA Youth Band!

This group will have its first meeting on Sunday, September 23 from 12:45pm-2:30pm in the Chapel, and will typically meet at that time on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. For more information contact Mimi Bornstein at MimiB@uucava.org.

SPECIAL SPRING CONCERT

Preventing Gun Violence in Schools Benefit Concert at UUCA

Featuring combined adult and children's choirs from UUCA, UU Church of Fairfax, and All Souls Church, DC.

Concert: Saturday, May 4, 7pm

Dress rehearsal: Friday, May 2, 7pm (more information TBA)

COME SING WITH US!