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West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church

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Summer Sundays

We invite you to this month's intergenerational service, **Sunday, June 14, 10:30**. Please bring a flower or two from your yard/favorite store for our flower communion that day. If your child, grades 2 - 8, would enjoy helping with that ritual, please contact Kathy Strawser (kstrawser@wsuuc.org or 440.333.2255, ext. 103) by **Wednesday, June 10**.

West Shore Church does not have a children's religious education program during the summer months. Children are welcome to attend services with their parents. Childcare will be provided for infants - Pre-Kindergartners. Two, experienced childcare providers are set for every summer Sunday. In an emergency, we would need a volunteer to fill in. Please contact Cathy Ross (cross@wsuuc.org or 440.333.2255, ext. 104) by **Friday, June 12**, if you would be willing to have your name placed on our summer call list.

Many Thanks...

- ◆ to the **31** volunteer teachers who served our children and youth this church year. We appreciate the 750+ hours you gave to building a young UU community.
- ◆ to the countless parents who aided in our RE classrooms, field trips and intergenerational events.
- ◆ to the RE Committee and co-chairs **Jason Bosch** and **Gaile Schafer** for another year of enthusiasm, leadership and dedication.
- ◆ to the Coming of Age youth, mentors and teachers for a memorable year of exploration and growth. We will have a booklet of the youths' credos available to the congregation early this month.
- ◆ to director **Joe Schafer** and accompanist **Tom Horwitz**, who make running a children's and an intergenerational choir look fun and easy! The **thirty** choir members sang for nine worship services, including two intergenerational services, and for each month's Children's Chapel.
- ◆ to the **21** children and youth who participated in the May art show, and special thanks to **Dan Pruitt**, **Jerry Devis** and **Mike Gold** for their inspiration, creativity, leadership and their suggestion to make this an annual event.
- ◆ to **Jeremy Beech**, **Kaleigh Macalla**, **Chloe Pruitt**, **Carmen Rush** and **Jacob Streitl**, WSUUC youth, who provide leadership to the church and district—as a Summer Institute youth leader, an RE Committee member and district conference leader, a worship associate, a Junior Choir assistant and a leader for the design and building of our church garden, respectively.

Two Sunday School Sessions + 140 Children = BIG Volunteer Needs!

We are happy to note that 50% of this year's RE volunteer teachers are returning for the upcoming church year, and we have sent letters of call to targeted members we hope will accept our invitation to join these experienced teachers. Their responses will, no doubt, boost our volunteer numbers, but not entirely fill our teacher roster. In a congregation this large, we have likely missed inviting someone who would like to teach. Are you that person?

We need your interest, commitment, enthusiasm, and your time **two** Sundays a month.

You will receive training, shared classroom leadership, the opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child, the chance to engage with adults you may not yet know at WSUUC, a sure way to serve your church, and new insight into your own faith identity.

We have openings for teacher volunteers for both **9:30** and **11:15** in the following classes:

- Pre-Kindergarten (4 year olds)
- Grades 3 - 4
- Grades 7 - 8

Please contact Kathy Strawser, 440.333.2255, ext. 103 or kstrawser@wsuuc.org, if you'd like to know more about serving in our Sunday School program

R.E. Registration for '09-10: We Want Your Form!

60% of our families have registered for the coming church school year. We are pleased that there is a fairly equal balance of children and youth at this time for the two sessions of religious education for next year. The more completed registration forms we have, the better we can ensure a strong start to the church year, regarding decisions for supplies, space and adult volunteers needed. If you have not yet registered, please complete the mailed form, download and print a form at wsuuc.org, or secure one from the RE table and return it at your earliest convenience.

CHILDREN/YOUTH MAY SHOW ART READY FOR PICK-UP in Kathy Strawser's office weekdays from 9:00-5:00 or Sundays 9:00-12:30.



Save the Date!

Saturday, August 29

9:00- Teacher Training
3:00

Sunday, August 30

10:30 Ingathering Service—
Water Communion
Childcare for infants—Pre-K
2:00- *OWL* Grades 7-8: Parent
4:30 Orientation

Sunday, September 6

10:30 Intergenerational Service
Childcare for infants—Pre-K

Sunday, September 13

9:30 First Sunday School—
Session I
10:40 Junior Choir Practice
11:15 First Sunday School—
Session II

Junior Choir: Notes for Next Year

Junior Choir will meet between services from 10:40 to 11:15, beginning Sunday, Sept. 13. The new time, while more than an hour later than this year, will result in a shorter rehearsal period so our rehearsals will begin more promptly, right at the start time. The new two-service schedule will give Junior Choir an opportunity to sing for both services - the end of the first, and the beginning of the second.

Junior Choir will provide a way to continue, and build, new friendships with those attending a different Sunday School session. There will be no change in refreshments—donuts forever!

COMING OF AGE CREDO BOOKLETS will be available at the R.E. table or in the church office, starting Sunday, June 14.