



# The CommUUnicator

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## What's New in RE

By Laura Riggan, RE Team Leader

*This information was presented during the service last Sunday, but we are putting it out again in hopes that all UUFW parents and members supporting the RE program will get this important information.*

*Newsletter Editor*

We've had a big change in RE this summer with the departure of our long-time Director of Religious Education, Sarah Skaar, and this has led to a few smaller changes—for now—that we want to share with you. First and most importantly, **Religious Education will continue at the UUFW.**

Finding a new DRE requires a process, so we want to tell you a bit about that. The personnel committee, which is a committee of our Board of Directors, met last week to create a job description for an interim DRE. We are posting that position very soon, and hope to find someone who can fill the position while we go through the steps needed to find a permanent DRE.

Those steps include finding out what this congregation wants and will support in terms of the Religious Education program. The Board has appointed an RE Task Force that will work on hearing your wishes. We hope you will communicate to the task force your understanding that a thriving RE program is vital for a thriving fellowship.

Once the task force completes that task and reports to the Board, the Personnel committee will meet again to write a job description for a permanent DRE. Then that position will be posted. We hope that many qualified and amazing candidates will apply, and that we will have a permanent DRE in place by the first of July, 2024.

In the meantime, until we have an interim DRE, you've got the RE Team to keep our program running smoothly. We have chosen our curriculum, "Moral Tales", which we have taken from UUA's Tapestry of Faith. We've had to make some adjustments to our schedule, though, because the RE team is small and we have a learning curve. For the time being, we are aiming to have RE classes for three weeks every month. Other weeks, we'll have a truly intergenerational service designed for families of all ages. This will involve more than the kids' play area in the back of the room by including children more fully in the service. For our fall schedule of RE classes and intergenerational services, please [click here](#).

Just as we want our children to be integrated more fully in our services, we want to include our adults more fully in our RE program. Stephanie Taylor will continue as our nursery attendant, but we need to have two adults in the nursery every Sunday, so we still need volunteers there. While several people have signed up to serve as teachers, assistants, and nursery volunteers already, we do have to complete a background check (at no cost to you) before you can do any of those things. If you are

interested, please email ([re@uufw.org](mailto:re@uufw.org) or [administrator@uufw.org](mailto:administrator@uufw.org)), and we'll get that process rolling. Do know that we need you in Chalice House!

However, you can support our RE program even if teaching children or supervising toddlers isn't your thing. Maybe you can lead a story or activity in one of our intergenerational services or join our tiny RE Team to help with organizing and planning. Parents, we need you to register your kids to participate in our program. You can do so at this [RE Registration Link](#).

Ultimately, we want our kids to know their grownups in this Fellowship, and we want you to know our kids. One of the most special things about a fellowship like UUFW is the intergenerational relationships that grow between all our members. We hope you'll be a part of that.

## A New Show on Our Walls

By Kristin Maxwell

I am excited to share an exhibit of antique and vintage postcards. The exhibit will open this Sunday, September 3. Although my initial idea was to somehow integrate the postcards into a creative project that would include some freestyle visual art, the postcards themselves took me in a different direction. It took a while to sort about 1,200 postcards that came from many sources, mostly from Stephen's relatives. I eventually selected the 91 postcards that meant the most to me, for a variety of reasons. When I was putting together the exhibit, I became increasingly curious about the places and things pictured on the postcards. I wondered if I could visit some of the places or book a cabin on one of the ships. Could I purchase chocolates from a store in Philadelphia? Could I drive across a scenic bridge? I did lots and lots of research and



gradually concluded that other people might be curious as well.

So, this exhibit is less like an art show and more like a history museum exhibit. Many of the postcards are beautiful just to look at, particularly the tinted ones. But

many of the historical facts are intriguing, sometimes tragic and sometimes comic. I hope that you enjoy the "Glimpses of the Past!"

## The UUFW Newsletter is Back

By Florence Ferguson, Editor

After its annual summer break, the UUFW newsletter is beginning its sixth year. We will continue to publish a two-page weekly with inspiring feature articles, including Rev. Paul's monthly column. Introduction of new members, news about our teams' activities and special events will be regular features. There will also be updates about members needing our support and notices about events of interest in the community.

The newsletter is only as good as the content it provides. That's where you come in. I encourage everyone to report on events and activities of interest to the congregation and take pictures. And, if you are willing to share your personal reflections and insights that help us better reflect UU values in our daily lives it will make for meaningful feature articles. You may send your content for the newsletter or questions to me at [newsletter@uufw.org](mailto:newsletter@uufw.org).

