



The CommUUnicator

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Waynesboro

A Pat on the Back, but No Time for Rest!

By Laura Riggan, RE Team Leader

This Fellowship can look back on a year that began with challenges for our Religious Education program. We can feel proud of the work our members did to maintain and support our Children’s RE, and even set it on a path to grow and flourish. For this, the RE Team is grateful.

Though it was not clear last August who we might find to lead our children or how well that person might fit into our organization, Nancy Lay stepped in to fill the role of Interim Director of RE just beautifully. In fact, she did so well we hired her to continue in the role of Director of Religious Education. We couldn’t be happier to have found such a wonderful leader for the youngest members of our UUFW family.

Nancy has filled an important role, but RE is not a task one person can do alone. Our volunteer brigade has been strong this year: 26 members of the Fellowship agreed to background checks and stepped in as lead or assistant teachers and nursery volunteers. We mean it when we say, “It takes a village!”

But, Villagers, our work is not done, even in the midst of summer vacations. Children’s RE will continue all summer, thanks to our talented membership and faithful volunteers. Nancy has arranged a schedule for Summer RE, and we have lead teachers for all weeks. However, our Safe Congregations standards require two adults for each class session and two adults in our nursery each week. For most weeks we are still in need of teaching assistants as well as nursery volunteers to serve with our paid nursery attendant, Stephanie Taylor.

If you are willing to spend an hour with our kids learning (or teaching?) some really cool stuff, or playing with our littlest littles in the nursery, please check this list of our needs. If you have already been background checked, email Nancy (DRE@uufw.org) or Laura (RE@uufw.org) and let us know that you can fill one of our empty slots. If you have not been background-checked but are willing, contact Savannah Fersner (administrator@uufw.org). Thanks for your help!

	Leader	Assist	Topic	Nursery Volunteer
May 12	Annie	Carla	Planting	Laura
May 19	Daisy	Sylvia	Nature Journaling	Savannah
May 26	Nancy	Barbara H	Board Games	Marilyn
June 2	Children in Intergenerational Service			
June 9	Nancy		Fun in the Sun	
June 16	Nancy		Paper Crafts	Laura
June 23	Lorae	Donna	String Art/Sand Painting	Kay
June 30	Nancy		Board Games	
July 7	Karen		Butterflies/Milkweed	
July 14	Nancy		Painting	
July 21	Charlotte		Music	
July 28	Laura		Sidewalk Chalk Art	
Aug 4	Bill /Lorrain		Music	
Aug 11	Sharon	Annie	TBA	