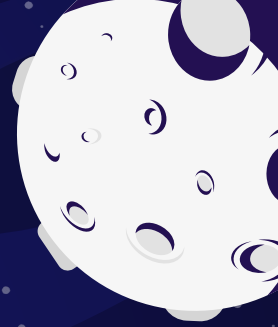


# CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER & YAYA STAFF TRAINING



First Universalist Church  
Fall 2019



# WHOa!

We made it.  
What obstacles tried to block your arrival?  
Thanks for persevering.  
Let's take a deep breath  
and arrive together.





## What do our children need on Sunday morning?

They need to light a candle, and have a quiet moment to enjoy its mystery.

✦ They need to sing a song, to hear their own voice and other voices joined together, and to feel the feelings that are stirred by music.

They need to hear a story and have a chance to share their own, remembering that we are each different and also very alike.

They need to create something. Expressing themselves, whether using words or materials, helps to bind the different parts of ourselves and our lives together. That's what religion is.

They need to be with an adult who is interested in the world and who feels the privilege and responsibility of their trust - one who is glad to be with them and regards them positively..

Without this essential loving embrace, the education will not be religious.

# WHAT DO YOU need?

Share with one or  
two of the folks at  
your table.

# TODAY'S AGENDA



## 01 OVERVIEW

What is RE? Where are we going, and why are we going there together?

## 02 NUTS & BOLTS

How do we keep this vehicle in motion and everyone on board safe?

## 03 CREW MEETINGS

Who's on your teaching team? Take a look at the map for your mission.



01

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OVERVIEW

Who's on board?  
What are we aiming for?

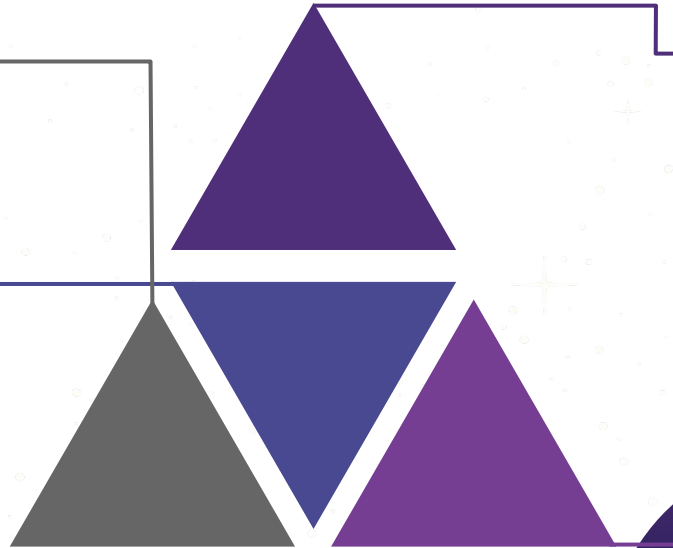
## A LITTLE DATA ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

540  
CHILDREN AND  
YOUTH IN RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION (RE)

1,000  
CHURCH MEMBERS,  
GIVE OR TAKE A FEW

220  
ADULT VOLUNTEERS IN RE

300  
FAMILIES WITH KIDS IN RE



# OUR STAFF team



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YOUTH & YOUNG  
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Childcare Staff and  
Classroom Helpers





The background is a dark blue space scene with a lighter blue rectangular overlay. In the upper left, a pink planet with a ring system is visible. In the lower right, a pink crescent moon is shown. The space is filled with numerous white stars and several bright, diagonal streaks representing shooting stars or meteors. The text "DOING CHURCH TOGETHER" is centered in a bold, purple, sans-serif font.

**DOING CHURCH TOGETHER**

## ... COVENANTS KEEP US AIMED AT THE STARS

We make promises of how we aspire to be together, so we can build a religious community of justice, compassion, joy, humility, courage, love and hope.

Covenants aren't rules.  
They're more like recipes  
or road maps.

## a SIMPLE SAMPLE **CLASS COVENANT**

Respect the needs of others.

Listen to your own needs.


Do your best.

Forgive yourself and others when  
someone makes a mistake.


# ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION FOCUS



Rooms  
102 & 206  
will be  
staffed  
as calming,  
alternative spaces  
for kids wanting  
connection or a  
break



We are working to make our church a place of welcome, affirmation and support for all children, youth and families, responsive to those with varying abilities, strengths and needs. When we put our Unitarian Universalist values into practice, all who wish to make this their religious home will find inclusion, a variety of ways to engage in meaningful and relevant programming, and a deep sense of belonging.



# WHAT WE AIM FOR ON A SUNDAY



## RELATIONSHIP

We want everyone to have an experience of being greeted, seen, heard and valued. We want everyone to have a chance to greet, see, hear and value others.



## RITUAL

The chance to be in a familiar and comforting place, being part of rituals that bring people together to create beauty, meaning and joy.



## NUGGET

Some nugget of something that sticks, be it an idea, a song, a story, a question, or the memory of a really positive time with friends at church.

# WHAT WE AIM FOR OVER THE YEARS



## WORSHIP

We want our children and youth to experience the benefits of shared worship. Why do you go to the worship service?



## MARK MILESTONES

We prepare child and family to navigate transitions with grace and support, and we celebrate milestones of growing up. At what ages have you noticed big changes in childhood?



## TACKLE TOUGH TOPICS

Some topics take extra courage and compassion. Together, we can navigate hard things, cultivate hope, and make life easier for ourselves and others. What are tough topics for kids and families to talk about?



# STAGES

At all ages, we share similar needs.  
At some stages, we navigate  
particular challenges.

# STAGES OF FAITH DEVELOPMENT





## HOMWORK FOR **FIRST** TIMERS

Pick up a copy of the Children, Youth and Family Ministries brochure or go online and review the curricula for every grade, Preschool-Senior High.

It helps to have a sense of the whole road we have mapped out for our children and youth, even if you're starting with Preschoolers this year!



02

# NUCS & BOLCS

How it all works!

# TREASURE HUNT TOOLS

**Your team will need:**

- Experienced & first-time
- Volunteers and YAYA Staff
- Your Class Calendar
- Tips for Navigating Sunday Morning

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HOW RE WORKS

How do I know who is registered in my class? How do I take attendance? What if kids come to class who are registered for the other service?

How do I know the kids names? How do they and their families know mine? Where should visitors check in? Where can I find staff?

## more nuts & bolts

7-8 Sundays/year.  
Select your own  
Sundays.  
Concentrate on one  
curriculum.  
Volunteer in the  
same classroom.  
Communicate with  
your team.  
Review sessions in  
advance.  
Find a sub if you  
need one.

VOLUNTEER

1st and 3rd Sundays  
are now  
Sharing Sundays:  
K-6th, Sept-Jan  
PreK-5th, Jan-May

We still have  
Justice Sundays.  
New this year:  
2nd-5th graders  
have several Choice  
Sundays.

SPECIAL

On holiday  
weekends and  
school breaks, we  
often have  
multigenerational  
worship or offer  
childcare but not an  
RE session.  
Volunteers and  
YAYA Staff provide  
care on those  
Sundays, too.

CHILDcare



**everything  
IS ONLINE**

Volunteer Resources at  
[1stureligiouseducation.weebly.com](http://1stureligiouseducation.weebly.com)



# THANKS!

Does anyone have any questions?

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## **your crew**

Meet with your  
team and go  
deeper

*In the words of Rev. Theresa Ines Soto,*

You are Good.

You are Loved.

You could use a little work.

We are in this together.

*So we go with humility and humor,  
with open minds ready to learn,  
with open hearts ready to love,  
with open hands ready to join  
with others, wherever our  
journey this year takes us*



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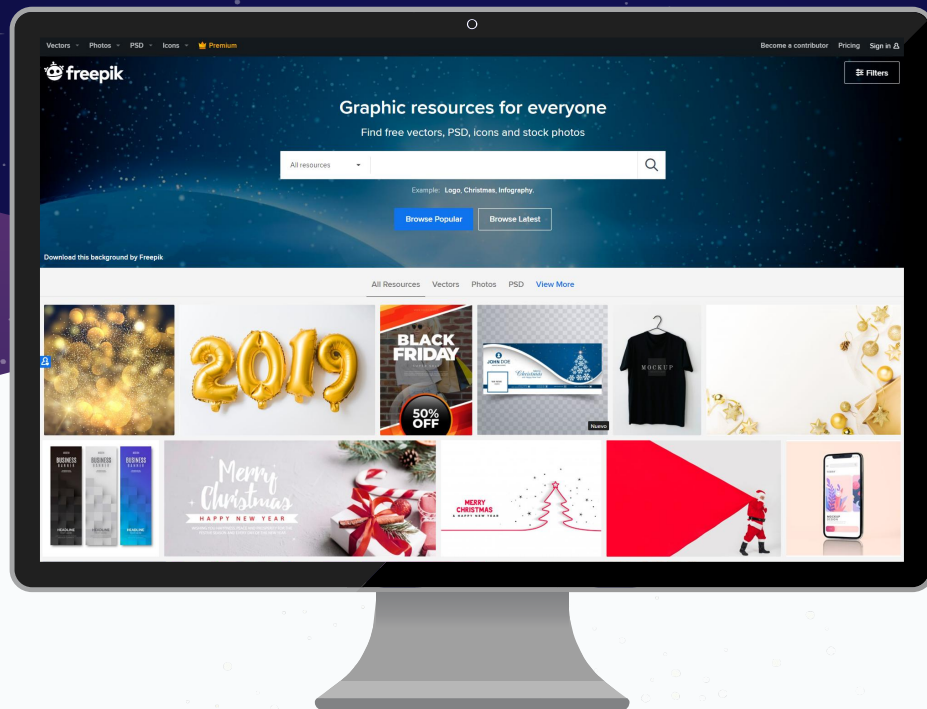
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# SOMETIMES, REVIEWING CONCEPTS IS A GOOD IDEA

## MARS

Despite being red, Mars is a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust



## VENUS

Venus has a beautiful name, but it's terribly hot, even hotter than Mercury



## SATURN

Saturn is, composed mostly of hydrogen and helium



## JUPITER

It's a gas giant and the biggest planet in our Solar System

# INFOGRAPHICS make your IDEA UNDERSTANDABLE ...

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Is the closest planet to the Sun and is only a bit larger than our Moon

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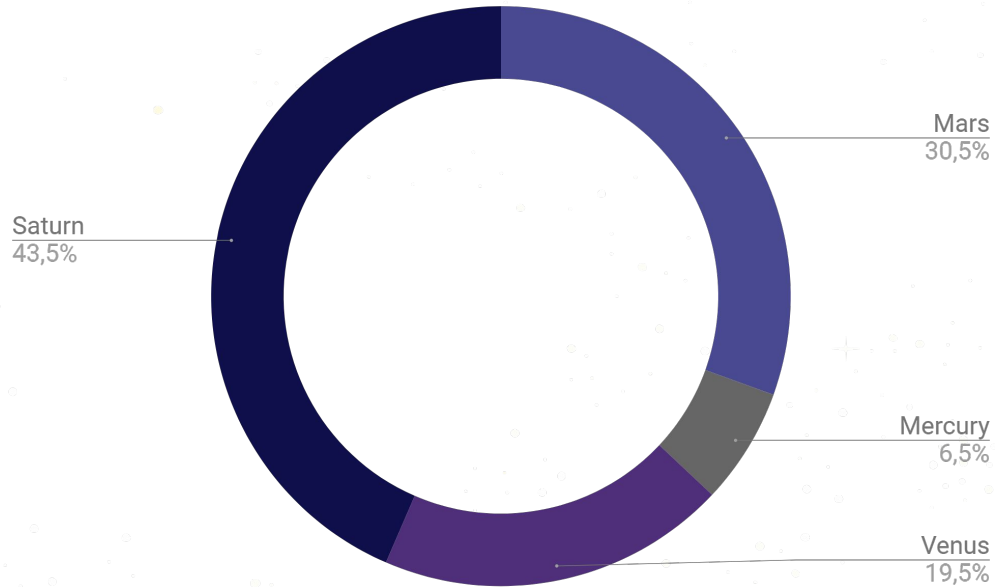
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# THIS IS a map



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## HOW ABOUT THE PERCENTAGES?

### MARS

Despite being red, Mars is a cold place, not hot

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### VENUS

Venus has a beautiful name, but it's terribly hot

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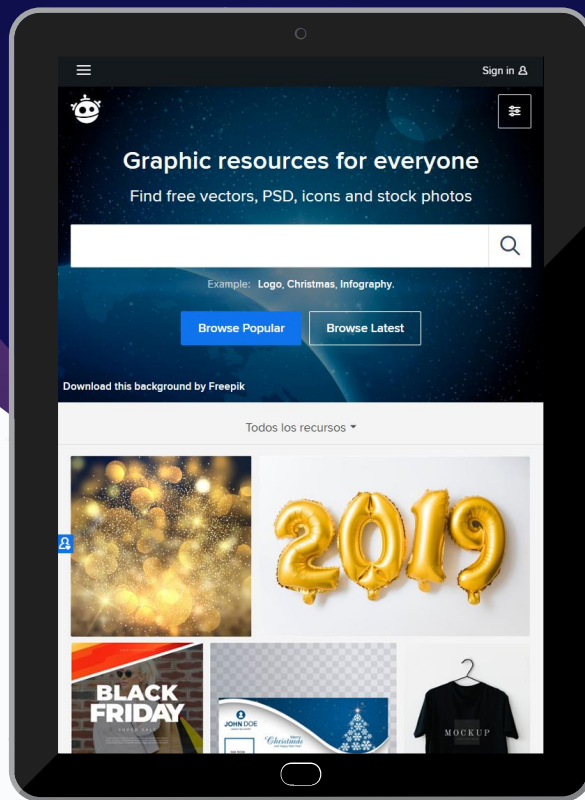
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**A PICTURE IS WORTH A  
THOUSAND WORDS**



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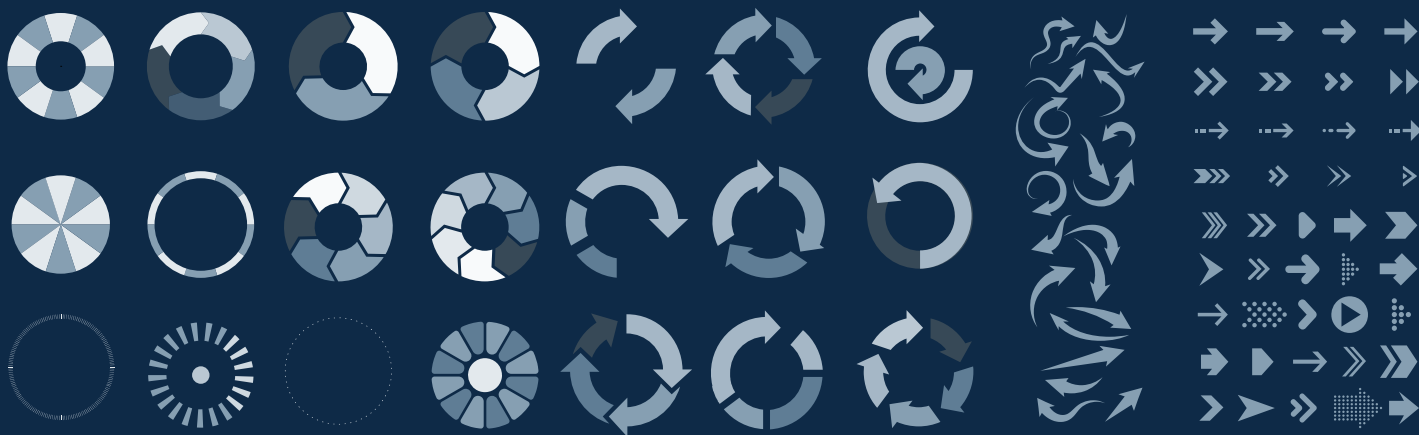
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