

Registration for Religious Education 2022- 2023

First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church

Welcome! We are glad to receive the registration for your children's religious education. Our goal is to:

- teach the Principles and Purposes of Unitarian Universalism
- impart knowledge and teach respect for religious beliefs of others
- promote a better understanding of self and others
- foster an appreciation and knowledge of Nature and the interconnected web of life on Earth.

Please **complete both sides** of this form and **return the form** to the **Director of Religious Education** the **Office Administrator**, or to any **Religious Education (RE) Council** member. Thank you!

1. FAMILY INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT):

LAST NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: (_____) _____

Street Address (Where children live most often) City Zip

PARENT/GUARDIAN 1: Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

PRIMARY PHONE: (____) _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: (____) _____

E-MAIL: _____ OCCUPATION: _____ How long a UU? _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN 2: Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

PRIMARY PHONE: (____) _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: (____) _____

E-MAIL: _____ OCCUPATION: _____ How long a UU? _____

Please circle: Married Committed Relationship Divorced Separated Widowed Single

CHILDREN'S NAMES (INCLUDE PREFERRED NAME)	GENDER AND PRONOUNS	DATE OF BIRTH	GRADE IN (2021-2022)

Will someone else bring child/youth occasionally? ___ If yes, name? _____

Is there anyone who should **NOT** pick up child(ren) due to court order? YES No _____

If yes, name? _____

Does your child(ren) have any special needs (medical or other) we should know about? YES No ___

If yes, please list (be sure to include any allergies): _____

May we post pictures of your child(ren) on the FJUUC website, Facebook, or other media for promotional purposes?

YES ___ No _____ Parental/Guardian Signature

The Child and Youth Religious Education Program at FJUUC is not run entirely on church budgeted funds. Estimated costs not covered are about \$50 per child. Any donations will go to FJUUC's Child and Youth Religious Education Program. Please specify CYRE in the memo line of the check, if you are able to help. Your help is greatly appreciated.

2. PARENT INVOLVEMENT: The Religious Education Program at the First Jefferson is 95% volunteer-run! If you have volunteered to be a teacher, thank you! If not, please indicate **at least** one area in which each parent can be called upon to assist. Please plan on at least 15 hours of volunteer work per family to support the education program. We appreciate your time, energy and commitment!

Parent 1	Parent 2	Volunteer Activity
		Halloween Party: ___ Food, ___ Set-up, ___ Arts/Crafts, ___ Music
		Tree-Trimming Party: ___ Food, ___ Set-up, ___ Arts/Crafts, ___ Music
		Holiday Pageant: ___ Director, ___ Music, ___ Food, ___ Costumes, ___ Gen. Help
		Easter/Spring Celebration: ___ Food, ___ Set-up, ___ Arts/Crafts, ___ Music
		Teacher & Advisor Breakfast or Dinner: ___ I want to organize it! ___ Food, ___ Set-up, ___ Clean-up, ___ Music
		Assist with Youth Activities: ___ Food, ___ Chaperone (criminal background check required)
		Field Trips: ___ Driver, ___ Chaperone (criminal background check required)
		Childcare volunteer (criminal background check required)
		Community Service and Social Action Projects, such as UNICEF, Guest at Your Table, Youth projects etc)

Pick-up After Classes: Religious education classes end at 10:45 a.m. We ask that all parents (except those of nursery-age children – that is, age three and under) pick up their children promptly at the end of each class session. All children and youth are expected to be in worship with their families. Prompt pick-up will make it possible for our teachers to worship with their families, too!

Behavior Covenant: Please read the attached behavior covenant for children and youth with your child(ren) and ask them to sign it with you.

Signatures: I register my child(ren) in the First Jefferson UUC Religious Education program understanding that it is a cooperative program involving parents, teachers and the church community at large. I understand that First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist can provide nursery or religious education services for my children only while I am at the Church. If I cannot be readily located in the event of an emergency, I authorize the Church and its representatives to render emergency medical assistance and to authorize medical and paramedical personnel to do the same. I also understand that, although the Church has adopted policies that it believes to be reasonable to protect children, injuries may still occur. **I release the Church and all its representatives from any and all claims and liability for any injury to any child of mine, and I agree to indemnify and hold the Church and all of its representatives harmless against any such claims and liability.**

Parent 1 signature

Parent 2 signature

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the FJUUC behavior covenant. I will do my part to make our church a positive and effective spiritual community. (please keep copy of principles and covenant, for future reference)

Child/youth signature(s)

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Parent Initials

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Behavior Covenant for Children and Youth

*The Religious Education Council believes that all of us
– parents, teachers, children, youth and the community at large –
share the responsibility to act on our values
and be ethical Unitarian Universalists.*

*We have made our behavioral expectations explicit
to help us set a positive cultural norm for behavior here at church.*

*Parents, teachers, children and youth agree
to abide by this covenant with each other,
to live out our Unitarian Universalist values here at church,
and to lovingly support each other
in our quest for spiritual growth
here at FJUUC, our beloved community.*

Principle one: Each and every person is important.

Everyone deserves to be treated with respect. We all have a right to speak, to be heard, and to be included in the day's activities at church. This means that we remember not to interrupt when someone else is talking and that we take turns speaking. We try to be on time and mindful during classes, worship and other church activities. We walk slowly and talk quietly while we are inside. We are careful with our actions, especially around people who are younger or more frail than we are.

Principle Two: All people should be treated fairly and kindly.

Everyone – no matter what their age, gender, race, family, abilities or differences – is welcome here. We use kind (never hurtful) words. When we know we are wrong, we apologize and make amends for what we have done. We speak up and get help when we see someone is being treated unfairly.

Principle Three: We encourage one another and learn together.

We listen quietly to each other, participate in group activities to the best of our abilities, help someone who is new or struggling, and share what we are thinking or feeling. We remember that we learn by trying new things and correcting our mistakes. We encourage each other as we learn and grow.

Principle Four: Each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life.

We ask questions to discover what is true and right for ourselves. We let other people ask questions and explore the things that have meaning for them, and never make fun of others.

Principle Five: All persons should have a say about what affects them.

All of us, young and old, work together to make church a safe and friendly place by sharing thoughts and feelings about what happens at church and offering ideas for new, or better, ways of doing things.

Principle Six: We work together for a peaceful, fair and free world.

We settle our disagreements in peaceful ways: never hitting, pushing, shoving or throwing things at one another. We play with each other in gentle ways, leaving toy weapons at home. When there is a problem, we talk *to* each other, not *about* each other. We try to solve conflicts as they arise.

Principle Seven: We care for our planet earth which we share with all living things.

We don't waste food or supplies, and we recycle whatever we can. We don't jump on furniture or play on equipment that is meant for people who are smaller, or younger, than we are. We leave supplies and clean rooms for the next person. We take good care of what belongs to the church or other people. We are gentle with the garden and the natural world surrounding our church, and we are mindful of the effects of our actions on the plants and animals around us.

If a child or youth has difficulty acting on our principles, the following steps will be taken:

- A responsible adult will offer a reminder that the behavior is not appropriate at church.
- If the behavior continues, the adult will have a private conversation with the child or youth to determine how the situation can be improved.
- If the behavior continues, the child or youth will be brought to the religious educator or coordinator.
- The educator or coordinator will talk to the child or youth to work toward a solution.
- If a satisfactory solution is not found, the educator or coordinator will speak with the parents.
- The parents, child and educator/coordinator will work together to find ways to help the child be a happy, contributing participant in classes and activities at First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church.