

UU Society in Stamford Creates Energized Religious Education Program

The UU Society in Stamford (CT) is pleased to report the success of our new RE Program! We have hired three new, wonderful, and vibrant teachers that are actively recruiting children for our program. They have had some wonderful ideas and successful activities, including the Fall Fun Fest Weekend. On Saturday, October 27, the children watched kid-friendly Halloween films, with Abbott & Costello's *Meet Frankenstein* and Bugs Bunny's *Halloween*. Then on Sunday, October 28, they were outdoors during service with pumpkin carving, songs, and games. Some even came in costume! We had about 20 children attend these activities.

On regular service Sundays, the teachers are busy with the program theme "We are Many, We are One," which offers a curriculum that encompasses teachings from all the great wisdom traditions, with an emphasis on social justice and the search for truth. Specific tracks have been developed for three different age groups. Nursery care is available for infants up to two years old, and a special music program is available for three-year-olds.

Our teachers are also busy with the First Sunday Mini-Social Action activities. On the first Sunday of every month there is the First Sunday food drive for Person-to-Person. In addition to helping with the monthly First Sunday food drive, the children will be collecting old towels and other old terrycloth items for November. The terrycloth items will help with the care of animals in shelters.

Each month, activities are being planned by this wonderful group of teachers and the children are responding well to this new enthusiasm. The Society looks forward to this growing program!

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