

Family Ministry Team (Formerly Youth RE) Update for The Board of Directors: June 13, 2023

Family Ministry Team Members:

Organizing Team: Jacki Weber, Beth Brownlie, Shanna Shaked, Chris Brown, Erik Paesel, Amy Thiel, Lisa Moran, Susie Pickett/Lois Hutchinson (Communications). **REGISTERED FAMILIES WITH YOUTH: 22 Families are Registered - many with multiple kids!**

Communications Update:

- The Team has published 1 article in June (so far) in the UUSM News Blog.
- Provided 8 monthly reports to the Board of Directors.
- Email 56+ parents every other week with General YRE updates
- Email specific Parent/Youth groups: OWL monthly.
- Our Database, One Church, continues to help us.
- We reach out to new parents with a welcoming Email.
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Governance Update: We have prepared a job description for the new hire to support Youth Ministry.

Classes:

- **Nursery:** **Update:** We have 2-3 toddlers and babies show up on Sundays. We are still looking for sitter help. In the meantime, Sophia Martin-Straw has been hired to manage the little one's room.
- **Sunday Cottage Kids: Ages preK- 6th Grade:** **Update:** Jacki Weber and Cynthia Littleton lead along with other volunteers. Other friends attend.
Attendance: **10-12 kids every Sunday.**

[Family Attendance-2022-23](#) (attendance to be updated)

Classes (Con't):

- **COA/Coming of Age Youth (7-9th):** **Update:** We are preparing a curriculum now and will offer in the Fall/Spring. We have 10 confirmed participants. Our kick off will be at the UUSanta Monica DeBenneville Weekend. Lisa Moran and Amy Brunnel will be leading the effort.
- **OWL for 7-9th Grades:** LEADs: Amy Thiel/Beth Brownlie: **Update:** We graduated 13 students from the OWL program in May. Our great facilitators will be celebrated on June 14.

AB506 Training: **Update:** Sophia Martin-Straw has done her training and Live Scan. We are tracking approved Youth Leaders on our Database. All adults that are involved with youth (including OWL

facilitators need to have a Live Scan background check and perform 2 hours of training on recognizing and reporting abuse.

Background Info:

ABOUT FAMILY MINISTRY: UUSM's Family Ministry is how we model and teach our UU values to families of all kinds. We take care of our youngest children in the nursery. We build community together in the cottage on Sundays with Cottage Kids. We help our youth discover how they want to be in the world and support their spiritual development through Coming of Age (7th to 9th grade) and Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (10th to 12th grade) programs. And we run our blue-ribbon sexuality program -- Our Whole Lives (OWL) for kids in grades K/1, 5/6, 7-9, and 10-12. There are myriad ways to serve!