

Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis
BUILDING BRIDGES 5th-6th grade program
(Formerly known as Neighboring Faiths)
2016-17 Parent Information & Calendar

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- * **TIME & PLACE** – The class meets every Sunday from **10:00-11:10 am** in the Reeb Room of the Fahs House (downstairs, the middle room closest to the back parking lot). This is earlier than Middle Hour typically starts. Be sure to bring your child on time at 10am.
- * **FOOD** – Please do not send kids with food. They should eat before they come... If you attend the 9am service we encourage the kids to get coffee hour snacks before coming to BB.
- * **ATTENDANCE** – Regular attendance is crucial for kids to get the information they need, and to support the goals of this program. Sporadic attendance means the whole group suffers in their ability to bond. Please make this program a priority in your child's schedule.
- * **REGISTRATION** – Please be sure your child is registered for R.E. or s/he will not be on the attendance sheet, nor will your contact information be part of Rev. Christina's communications' list. To register, go to tinyurl.com/UUCARE1617 . Also, complete the "All Inclusive Permission Form" (attached) for this specific class.
- * **E-MAIL** – Rev. Christina & her volunteer assistant Rob Wallace will communicate with facilitators and parents regularly to remind about upcoming visits, request parent assistance for Sunday classes and/or chaperone site visits, or alert you to changes in the schedule. Schedule changes are often the result of issues with the site we are planning to visit, and these issues are beyond our control. Please be patient and flexible, and check your e-mail regularly!
- * **FACEBOOK** – Rev. Christina has set up a SECRET Facebook group to allow for communication, conversation, and photo-sharing among the families and volunteers in this year's BB program. To be added to the group, please ask Rev. Christina or one of the facilitators to add you.
- * **SAVE THE DATES** – Mark your calendars now with these dates so your child has the highest likelihood of being able to attend. Keep this calendar for your own records.

*** CALENDAR- *Save this page for your records***

Sundays, September 11 and 18 – Ingathering / First RE Sunday –

On September 11 at 10:00am we will have our final summer service and our annual “Ingathering” and Water Communion followed by a community potluck picnic. Bring some water for the communion, and a dish to share! The following Sunday (September 18) is the first Sunday in our regular “Church year” schedule. Services will resume at 9am and 11:15am, with Middle Hour (and R.E. for all ages at 10:10am). ***Building Bridges begins on September 18 at 10:00am! (a little earlier than other RE classes)***

Sunday, October 2 – 10:00-11:10 – Parent Orientation to BB –

Parents attend BB class along with kids to get oriented to the year of Building Bridges, take a quiz about religious literacy, and discuss our mutual expectations of each other. MEET IN THE EMERSON ROOM (next door to their regular room).

Saturday, October 29– 9:00am-12:00pm – Synagogue Visit (Kol Shalom, Annapolis)

Meet at UUCA to carpool to the synagogue, then pickup back at UUCA. (Service 9:30-10:30)

Sunday, November 13 – 10:10 am-1:00 pm – Catholic Church Visit (St. John Neumann, Annapolis)

We will meet as usual at 10:10am to prepare for our visit, then walk together to our nearest neighbor congregation for service from 11-12:00. Will return to UUCA afterward for parent pickup around 1:00pm (BYO Lunch).

Sunday, December 4 – Congregational Meeting

On this Sunday, there will be only one 9am service, and a Congregational Meeting at 10:30. In order for parents to attend the meeting, our middle school classes will combine in the **Angebrannt Room** (downstairs, main building) to make ornaments for the tree for our Stone Soup holiday celebration the following week.

Sunday, December 25 and January 1 – NO RE

Due to the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, there will be no RE, and only one service at 9am.

Sunday, January 15- 10:00am-12:45 pm- Quaker Church Visit (Annapolis Friends' Meeting)

We will meet as usual at **10:00am** for an Introduction to our closest religious relatives—the other Congregationalists, including Quakers (Friends), followed by a walk down the street to visit our literal "neighbors" at the Friend's Meeting for their **11:00am** gathering. Will return to UUCA afterward for pickup around 1:00pm (BYO lunch).

Sunday, January 22- 10:00 am-1:30 pm - Historical Black Church Visit (Asbury UMC, Annapolis)

We will meet as usual at 10:00am for an Introduction to the Historical Black Church and its' diversity, followed by carpooling at **10:30am** to the 11am service at Asbury UMC. Will return to UUCA afterward for pickup around 1:30pm. (BYO lunch).

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Saturday, February 25 – 10:15am- 2:30pm – Islamic Visit (Dar al Taqwa, Ellicott City)

We will meet at UUCA parking lot at **10:15am** to carpool to Dar al Taqwa where we will participate in worship, attend a 6th grade "RE" class and get a tour and Q&A. Visit around 11-1:30, return to UUCA for pickup around 3:00pm. (BYO lunch).

Note: *This visit is usually the one that we struggle the most to coordinate. Please be flexible as we work out the best date for our UUCA class and Dar al Taqwa.*

Sunday, March 12 – 9:00am- 2:00 – Sikh Community Visit (Guru Nanak Foundation of America, Silver Spring) Kids will meet at UUCA at **9am** (early! no class!) to carpool to the Guru Nanak Foundation of America. Return to UUCA for pickup around 2:00pm. They often provide lunch and ask us to bring something to share. We will communicate in advance about that.

Sunday, April 23 – 10:00am-2:00pm – Hindu Temple visit (Sri Siva Vishnu, Lanham)

We will leave UUCA at **10am** to carpool to the Hindu Temple where we will participate and learn about worship with a UUCA member who is also Hindu. Return to UUCA for pickup around 2:00pm.

Sunday, May 7 - Buddhist Community Visit (Shambhala Center, Baltimore)

We'll leave from the Fahs House **EARLY (8:50am)** to carpool to the Shambhala Center where the kids will experience sitting meditation, discussion, and Bodhi School (R.E. with their kids). Return 2pm (or earlier?)

Sunday, May 14 - Building Bridges Party

During their class-time, the BB group will celebrate a successful year of learning, growing, exploring, and "building bridges"! There will be food... Please plan to bring a treat to share.

Sunday, May 21 – R.E. Orientation

This Sunday the kids and youth in the R.E. program will orient their peers to their upcoming R.E. Classes, as well as hearing from others what to expect next year. Parents welcome.

SUMMER RE-

NO R.E. on MAY 28 (Memorial Day weekend) or JUNE 4 (Coming of Age Sunday).

Summer R.E. begins on JUNE 11 at 10am (after the Wonder Box, all kids go to R.E.).

Summer R.E. is available for all ages! Ages 10-13 are combined for "'Tween" RE.

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**Building Bridges
All-Inclusive Permission Form**

Complete, sign, and return

I understand that the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis (UUCA) is providing these activities in connection with its Religious Exploration program: **2016-2017 Church Year.**

My child, (Full *Legal* Name) _____
has my permission to participate in these activities and in consideration of UUCA's providing it, I hereby release and discharge the UUCA, its officers, trustees, members, staff, mentors, teachers and assistants from liability for any claim resulting from injury to my child, whether caused by negligence or not, during the course of these activities. Some of these events take place at UUCA, while others are off-site. Some may involve riding in the car of one adult UUCA volunteer who has been screened for safety purposes.

In case of an emergency please try to contact me at (phone number/s)

If I cannot be reached, I authorize the administration of emergency medical aid to my child.

Parent or legal guardian's signature

Date

Please list any special needs:

Child's date of birth: MONTH ____ DAY ____ YEAR ____

Health Insurance Information:

**If your contact information changes from the above information,
please contact Rev. Christina Leone Tracy (cleonetracy@uuannapolis.org, 410-266-
8044x101) so she can update your information.**

**The Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis is not liable for problems arising
from miscommunication due to incorrect parent information.**

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Building Bridges 2016-17 Off-Site Visit Permission Form

Complete, sign, and return

Please initial beside those events for which your permission is granted for your child to attend.

*Permission granted is not a commitment to attend,
but if your child chooses to attend, s/he must have your permission!*

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