

Agenda/Text for Teacher Ingathering September 6, 2011

Gathering:

- Complete paperwork, if needed (Karen will staff the table.)
- Make a nametag
- Decorate a cookie
- Enjoy the snacks

Chalice Lighting:

- Folks in a circle
- Beth leads (this is a last minute change so Beth is included)
 - We light this chalice because we are Unitarian Universalists.
 - This is the church of the open mind.
 - This is the church of the helping hands.
 - This is the church of the loving heart.

Ritual of Introduction:

- Mary will lead
 - “What do you hope to gain from being a religious education teacher?”
 - “What do you have to give?”

Reading:

- Kat will lead

“Teaching RE is like baking cookies. First, you need a recipe or lesson plan that you read over in advance. Next, you gather your ingredients: stories; questions; rituals; activities; games; crafts. Don’t forget to add lots of enthusiasm, patience, acceptance and love. Then you add a group of children or youth. Suddenly, it becomes little complicated, and a whole lot messier as new ingredients are thrown into the mix. The cookies you end up with don’t look anything like the cookies you had envisioned. But as you clean up together and share what was made, you savor the sweetness and you notice that your heart is full of wonder, amazement, and gratitude, and you can’t wait to try the next recipe.”

Nuts and Bolts of Teaching RE

Karen will lead

Responsibilities of the RE Teacher

Making the most of Tapestry of Faith

Clipboards and Binders

Safety issues

Code of Ethics (reading)

Fire Drill Instructions

Incident Reports

Scheduling guidelines

Singing the Teachers to their Classrooms

We all sing!

You've got your schedule and pen before you

All you need now's a cookie

So choose the chalice that speaks to you

And go on your way with sweets

RE's important for our children

And so are you

Teaching teams meet to schedule