

Faith Formation Annual Report 2025-2026

This annual report covers the lifespan Faith Formation program at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua.

Budget: The Faith Formation program operated with the following budget, exclusive of staffing expenses:

Children & Youth Faith Formation: \$ 4100 **Adult Faith Formation:** \$800 **Total Faith Formation Budget:** \$4900

During the summer 2025, Sunday morning programs took place at Rivier University, who generously provided three classrooms for worship and faith formation activities. In the fall, we returned to the UU Nashua campus

Children and Youth Faith Formation

Our program continues to prioritize flexibility while recognizing the busy schedules of families and volunteers. Some families attend every Sunday, while others participate once or twice a month.

To support a variety of participation styles, we offer multiple ways for families to engage in whole church events and programs specifically designed for participating age groups.

- Monthly all-ages worship services
- Children's Chapel Sundays
- Theme-based workshop Sundays
- Our Whole Lives & Coming of Age Programs
- Special events such as game & movie nights, camping trips, and holiday services
- Summer childcare every Sunday with activity choices in two rooms for ages 0-4 and 4 & Up.

Children and youth have been active participants and leaders during worship service by lighting the chalice, opening the Wonder Box, participating in readers' theater, singing, dancing and sharing music during services. We remain committed to creating meaningful opportunities for everyone to connect within UU Nashua and to grow into a new generation of Unitarian Universalists who feel welcomed, valued, and empowered within our community.

Faith Formation Curriculum for Children and Youth & Numbers

- 46 families with 79 children participated in faith formation in one way or another this year.
- We welcomed 10 children from 4 new families who joined us regularly on Sunday mornings.
- 40 volunteers supported children & youth faith formation in one way or another this year.
- 29 Children in faith formation volunteered to light the chalice and open the wonder box throughout the year.
- 16 young children attended our Rainbow Room Childcare on Sunday morning with between 3-5 attending weekly.
- 56 children (ages 4-13) participated in workshop choices during the year. We average 30 students each Sunday in these workshops that were offered twice a month.
- 38 Children attended monthly children's chapels on the first Sunday of each month with 15-20 kids each time.
- 6 youth attended the Our Whole Lives for 5th & 6th grade on Sunday mornings. End of Jan - Early May.
- 10 children attended the Our Whole Lives for K/1st grade on Sunday mornings. Sept-Nov.
- 7 youths participated in Coming of Age on Sunday evenings from Oct- May.
- 24 Kids attended our Pizza & Movie nights w. D&D for teens, with 10-13 attending each one. Oct, Jan & May.
- 7 youth from UUCN joined 52 youth & 20 adults for SatUUrday PI day Youth con on Mar. 14th that we hosted.

Sunday Morning Workshop Choices for Pre-K- 7th Grade:

Twice a month, children can choose UU Activities that use one of our core values to explore a common theme. Children and volunteers (teens and adults) start in the sanctuary at 10.00 a.m. and then depart for their workshop, which runs through till 11:15. Based on how much we liked being together at Rivier last year, Our Pre K - 5th graders all gathered for an opening circle in the Campbell Chapel followed by workshop choices in the chapel & wonder room. We found that both our volunteers and children liked all being together. Children have a chance to choose a Game, a Lego project or art activity with the opportunity to switch part way through the hour. *Details about each activity choice can be found on pages 5 & 6 of this report.*

Wonder Art - Creatively led by Jess Lahens, Lynn Greenberg & Patricia Reynolds

Our creative workshop offers art projects with a wow factor that invites children to say “Wow!” and ask, “How?”

Courageous Community Games - Engagingly led by Megan Holmes & Ed Schneider

Our workshop offers children a chance to move, play together, and work on their annual Kid’s Solstice service. This year our children enjoyed lots of charades type games. One thing new this year is rainbow tape murals!

Love in Action Legos - Encouragingly led by Adrienne George

Our Lego table offers a chance to build creative creations based on the theme of the month. This is a big hit with a variety of ages especially many of our 4 year olds.

Authentic Connections Teens (ACT): Thoughtfully led by Joe Delin, Karsten Fischer & Caitlin Durgin

This workshop offers middle school youth a chance to connect, play games, and build a community while exploring UU values and enjoy snacks. Our youth helped with several love in action projects, including our new baby donations sorting, the Bake Sale, and Easter Egg hunt and painting welcoming messages with rainpaint on the new front walkway.

Rainbow Room Childcare

We changed the name of this room from “The Children’s Worship Room” to the “Rainbow Room” and added rainbow hooks and more rainbow theming to the room. The room is vibrant, filled with puzzles, magna-tiles, cars, books, and the always popular farm animals & dinosaurs! We still offer the chance to follow along with the church service on zoom via a tablet, enabling children and staff to hear the music of the service and watch the wonder box moment if desired. By the end of the year all our 4 year olds have moved up to workshop choices. Childcare was supported by our faith formation assistant and additional volunteers on Sundays when extra care was required. We are grateful to Sarah Leshay, Cindy Hudson & Victoria Agnew and Sarah Gallardo who volunteered throughout the year. *More about our faith formation assistants & childcare staff can be found on page 12 of this report.*

Monthly Mixed Age Children's Chapel:

The Director of Faith Formation planned and partnered with worship associates to lead the children’s chapels together. Chapel assistants join for the morning to participate along with our children and offer extra support to any children who need it. Lynn Roberts, Ed Schneider, Katie Durgin offered help in this way. We are also grateful to two high school students who helped out as assistants as well. Children’s Chapel included music, guided meditation, videos, sharing joys and sorrows, and wonder box moments followed by worship projects for mixed ages to work in individually. We found that this model works well for younger children through 5th grade.

We are so grateful for our faith formation substitutes this year!

Julia Firmbach, Victoria Agnew, Jess Woods, Cindy Hudson, Tristan Husby, Michael Lahens & Jessica Price helped as backup substitutes when needed.

Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education

OWL Kindergarten & First Graders

Facilitators: Jessica Price & Paige Beauchem w/ support from Lea Atwell & Michael Packard

For the 2nd time at UU Nashua, we offered the Our Whole Lives sexuality education program for grades K-1! The program served 10 children and their families and was guided by our volunteer facilitators. We offered it on Sunday morning and were fortunate to use the CWG-WW School Kindergarten classroom.

OWL for 5th & 6th Graders

Facilitators: Jess Woods, Kelly Shannon, Michael Packard, Michael Lahens & Jessica Price.

For the 3rd time at UU Nashua, we offered sexuality education for 5th & 6th graders with the Our Whole Lives program! The program served 6 youth and their families and was guided by a new team of volunteer facilitators. The program materials are all laminated and available for use from previous year and Michael Packard hosted weekly zoom check ins on Mondays for the volunteer teams to connect and plan for future sessions. This amount of preparation, communication helps the leaders feel supported. We had hoped for more parent support group check-ins but the busy after church schedules prevented us from holding more than a couple.

OWL Training

Marissa Volpe & Michael Packard attended an OWL training for jr & sr youth in Aug 2025.

Michael Lahens, Jess Woods and Kelly Shannon attended an OWL training for elementary ages in January 2026.

We trained more leaders than we typically budget for, but we offset the cost for these training with a few programs that contributed to our faith formation budget including our Election Day Camp & Saturday Youth Con.

Coming of Age

This year we worked with 7 youth throughout the year to gather on Sunday from 4-6 pm twice a month to reflect on what it means to be Unitarian Universalist. The program was led by program staff, Rev. Allison, Sadie Kahn-Greene and Ministerial Intern, Michael Packard. Marissa Volpe joined as a volunteer co-leader. We also welcomed adult mentors and elders to attend near the beginning and the end of the program for interviews and to support our youth in the program. Elders for the program included: Jon Lassale, Elizabeth Lewis, Brenna Woods, Dave Husdon, Robin Trudel and Jess Woods.

This program included a UU history trip to Boston with a service and a tour at the Arlington St. Church in Boston.

The program culminated in a Coming of Age service that 6 youth led in May to share their faith statements in a warmly received and celebrated service.

Children and Youth 2026-2027

Our hopes and plans for next year:

- Rainbow Room Childcare and UU Kids activities in the chapel are planned for every Sunday this summer led by our newly hired childcare staff and our volunteers.
- Starting in September, UU Values Choice for elementary school children will continue twice a month. We will continue to offer workshop stations in the chapel, wonder room and library.
- Weekly rainbow room childcare and after-church childcare as needed.
- Multi-age children's chapel services once a month.
- "Embrace Race" & "Drawing Differences" a curriculum for parents and children to explore talking about race with young children. Sadie & Rev. Allison received training in fall 2024 to bring this program to UU Nashua.
- Our Whole Lives for 7th & 8th grader in Fall 2026- Spring 2027
- UU Kids Movie Nights during circle dinners!
- Host Election Day Camp in Nov. 2026
- Co-host another Saturday regional youth conference in the Spring.
- Sr. high youth group after church Sundays 11:30-12:30 for connection, games & love in action projects!
- **Welcome and train new volunteers!**

Faith Formation Programs & Volunteers for Children & Youth by Month

	September "Honoring Arrival"	October "Sharing Stories"	November "Harvesting Connection"	December "Finding Holiness"	January "Trying our Best"
Children's Worship room Childcare every Sunday	Our welcoming space for children aged 4 and under is open every Sunday. It offers books, toys, simple crafts with lots of stickers, puzzles, and free play, supported by volunteers and staff.				
Children's Chapel 1st Sundays	<i>Outdoor Bubbles Day!</i>	"Creations Story Creations"	"All Souls Ritual"	"The Golden Solstice Service rehearsal"	"Trying our Best" w/ star words
UU Values Workshop Choices 2nd & 3rd Sundays	Wonder Art: Wonderbox mini homes Love in action LEGO: Making Churches! Courageous Community: blanket forts home away from home Authentic Connection Teens: "UU Scattergories"	Wonder Art: "Who Am I?" collage portraits Love in action LEGO: Making Favorite Places Courageous Community: getting to know you games Authentic Connection Teens: "Just One"	Wonder Art: Love in action LEGO: Building together Courageous Community: Authentic Connection Teens: "Once Upon a Game" storytelling	Wonder Art: Solstice Planets Love in Action: LEGO Solstice scenes Courageous Community: practicing the solstice story. Authentic Connection Teens: Solstice service prep & Lego Solstice scenes	Wonder Art: Popsicle stick ladder collages Love in action LEGO: Lego Challenges Courageous Community: minute to win in challenges Authentic Connection Teens: Pictionary & Collaborative Pictionary
Special Events	After church Ice Cream social Circle Dinner w/ UU Kids Pizza & Movie Night - "Wild Robot"	Interfaith Crop Walk	Church Auction w/ Kids Movie Night "Kpop Demon Hunter"	All Ages Carol Sing w/ Hot Cocoa!	Circle Dinner w/ UU Kids Pizza, Game & Movie Night - "Inside Out 2"
All Ages Worship 4th Sundays	Water Communion (1st Sunday in Sept)	Listen, Ask Wonder w/reader's theater	Be A Good Ancestor w/ reader's theater	UU Kids Golden Solstice Service	A Knot is Not a Tangle - shared drawings
Our Whole Lives	k/1 orientation & 1	Workshops 2,3,4	Workshops 5-8		5/6 OWL orientation

Faith Formation Programs & Volunteers for Children & Youth by Month *cont.*

	February “Deepening Relationship”	March “Holding the Tension”	April “Nurturing Growth”	May “Celebrating Diversity”	June “Celebrating Diversity”
Children’s Worship room Childcare every Sunday	Our welcoming space for children aged 4 and under is open every Sunday. It offers books, toys, simple crafts with lots of stickers, puzzles, and free play, supported by volunteers and staff.				
Children’s Chapel Services 1st Sundays	Thank You Cards for UU Nashua Community	More than two things can be true <i>w/ two sided drawings</i>	We had 3 workshop Sundays, because Easter was the 1st Sunday of the month so we skipped chapel for April.	“Celebrating all of us” <i>who am I tessellation posters & mandalas</i>	“End of Year Celebrations” <i>w/ wonder boxes from all year!</i>
Sunday Morning Workshops 2nd & 3rd Sundays	Wonder Art: our neighborhood collages Love in action LEGO: cooperative lego building together Courageous Community: human knot & charades Authentic Connection Teens: 1st to Worst	Wonder Art: Wonder weavings Love in action LEGO: ziplines & catapults Courageous Community: human knot & charades Authentic Connection Teens: Uno	Wonder Art: Tree ring art & planting seeds Love in action LEGO: Growing Gardens Courageous Community: Wildcraft Authentic Connection Teens: 5-minute Dungeon	Wonder Art: Diversity Calm Down Jars & tessellations Love in action LEGO: LEGO gardens Courageous Community: Pictionary Authentic Connection Teens: “Rain Paint!”	<i>Prek-8th grade Sunday morning workshops will return in September 2026!</i>
Special events	All Ages Pizza & Game Night	Youth Con Coming of Age Credo Night	AfterChurch Egg hunt!	UU Kids Pizza & Movie Night & Teen Game Night - Zootopia 1 & 2	Outdoor Summer Kickoff Party!
All Ages Service 4th Sundays	Bringing Our Full Selves- w/ KPDH reader’s theater	Campbell Day of Service	Easter	Growing up UU & Bridging	Flower Communion Pride Service!
Our Whole Lives	5/6 OWL Workshops 1,2,3	Workshops 4,5,6	Workshops 7,8,9	Workshop 10	

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation programs offered in 2025-2026 align with the core Values of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua.

1. Adult Faith Formation: Authentic Connection

Covenant groups:

Seven covenant groups led by church members and staff convene monthly to share, listen, and delve into readings and discussions aligned with the month's worship theme. Sadie Kahn-Greene, the Director of Faith Formation, held seasonal check-in meetings with covenant leaders from August to May to review upcoming sessions based on the month's theme. Almost all of our groups have room for new members to join!

Here are the covenant groups we offered this year:

- **3rd Monday Group**
Cathy Guevarra continues to lead her group that meets at the church every 3rd Monday evening.
- **1st Sunday Covenant Group**
Bob Keating's long-running group continues to meet at members' homes and members rotate facilitating each gathering's good discussions, as has been their practice.
- **3rd Sunday Covenant Group**
Laurie Goodman's Women's Covenant group met in person. This group will continue to meet next year as well and they now meet after church in one of our classrooms.
- **4th Sunday Covenant Group**
Kevin Ross Emery's covenant group continued this year. It meets after church and often uses a song as a source for inspiration before opening up to sharing. This group will continue to meet next year as well.
- **Rotating Sunday Covenant Group**
Jon McCue took over leading this covenant group. This group meets after church on the Sundays that work for the group and includes childcare for parents in the group. This group will continue to meet next year.
- **New men's Covenant group**
Michael Packard started this group that gathers after church on the 2nd or 3rd Sundays of the month. The group will continue again next year.
- **4th Tuesday Huntington Group**
Rev. Allison continues to lead a group for elders at the Huntington in Nashua. She often brings a sermon to share or a covenant group session with discussion questions.

New Covenant Group Potluck on March 7th

Leaders offered an evening for all covenant group participants to mingle for a shared covenant group session with participants mixed into new groups for one evening. Covenant group leaders plan to do this again in 2027.

Additional Groups that gather around a shared Experience:

Caregiver Support Group w/ Rev. Allison & Michael Packard

The “Caregivers for Loved Ones” support group continued this year meeting on the Last Sundays of the month after church for supportive conversations. Sadie gratefully handed over leadership of this group to Allison and Michael this year.

Online Grief Group Led By Karen Campbell

This online drop-in program moved to every 1st Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. Karen Campbell provides new and returning participants with an opportunity to engage, connect, and receive support during times of grief.

2. Adult Faith Formation: Wonder

Meditation & Mindful Living & Deep Gong Meditations w/ Romi Valdez

After many years, we now have an in-person weekly meditation group at the church again. Romy Valdez approached Sadie last spring about this possibility of offering a weekly program that explores the art and science of meditation and mindful living. Romy led a Summer service in July 2025 to introduce his practice to our congregation and we then waited for the sanctuary to be ready for use. The group now gathers every Thursday in the front of the sanctuary that beautifully fits a circle of chairs. With around 70 participants on the email list, Thursday nights typically sees 20-30 individuals attending each Thursday forming the sanga community. The group explores a variety of guided meditations together including breathing meditation, yoga and deep gong sound mediation. This program brings in members from the community as well as our own UU Nashua members. UU Nashua members make up about 1/3 of the group newcomers are always welcome. Donations are collected at each gathering that are generously donated to the church bringing in about \$50-\$100 each week.

Faith Forward Online Classes

As a member of the faithforward program through First Unitarian in Dallas, our members were invited to join in two online classes led by staff at First Unitarian Church in Dallas.

- UU Biblical Literacy part 2, 6 Wednesdays sessions in September and October
- UU Theology 6 Wednesday sessions in April and May

Energy Healing w/ Karen Campbell

Karen offered this program in December an evening of guided & silent meditation & energy healing, and Reiki held in the Campbell Chapel.

Summer Worship Workshop

Rev. Allison once again led this three-week class for Summer worship service leaders on Sunday afternoons in May.

3. Adult Faith Formation: Courageous Community

Intro to UU W/ Rev. Allison Palm & Michael Packard

This program is offered in-person with an online option after church 5 times throughout the year.

Exploring Membership W/ Rev. Allison Palm

This program is offered in-person after church 4 times throughout the year and one evening online.

Circle Dinners

We continued to coordinate small group dinners hosted by congregation members at their homes or at church. Each attendee contributed a dish to share. We also continued "Kids Pizza & Movie & Game Nights," providing childcare at the church for parents and non-parents to enjoy a social evening and foster better connections. This year continued to offer a teen from middle & high school youth to meet with advisors who led a tabletop roleplaying game for the evening. These programs are well-received by those who attend, we have noticed that the majority of the children who stay for kids night are children of the volunteers who help with the games & movie night.

- October: 27 adults attended 4 dinners & 13 children & youth attended kids night
- January: 33 adults attended 4 dinners & 10 children & youth attended kids night
- April: 17 adults attended 2 dinners & 12 children & youth attended kids night

Elderberries UU Seniors Group Led by Tess George

Throughout the year, this community gathers for social events. An email list facilitates communication among members who wish to participate in museum visits, bowling, movies, lunch outings, and nature walks. With around 55 members, the group typically sees 5-25 individuals attending each event. This Summer the Elderberries are working together to lead a summer service on Aug. 16th, 2026.

Young Adult Group led by Tegan Cantrell & Sadie Kahn-Greene.

The group for those in their 20s & 30s offers a chance to connect with members at a similar life stage. This small group meets twice a month for Board Game nights at the church on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month which have been going strong since January. There is a core group of 7 members who take turns bringing games to teach each time or picking games from the UU Nashua games library. Tegan will continue to attend, but will pass leadership to Tim Cleaveland and Sadie Kahn-Greene for 2026-2027. Some of the group members also attend the Thursday evening meditation nights, offering some weeks with two evenings of connection!

UU Hikers

Faith Formation hosted a multigenerational walk in Mine Falls on Oct. 13th.

The Green sanctuary team also hosted a few hikes this year as well.

4. Adult Faith Formation: Love in Action

CPR & AED training on Sat. Nov 1st

We had 21 adults attend including: staff, volunteers and members of the community.

Daring Democracy Book Discussion Group

Kevin Ross Emery started a discussion group as a class based on this book. The group continued into a working group under the social justice umbrella at UU Nashua. You can find Kevin's report about this group and their programs offered in the social justice report.

30 Days of Love Coffee Conversations

We shared the UU Side with Love annual 30 Days of Love curriculum and offered 5 drop in conversations alternatingly hosted by Rev. Allison and Sadie between Martin Luther King Day and Valentine's Day.

Mosaic Curriculum for Adults w/ Michael Packard & Jodie Holway

We offered a three-session series of workshops from the UUA's MOSAIC curriculum. These were introductory-level dialogues meant to deepen understanding of specific racial justice issues that were held on Sunday afternoons.

2nd Annual Campbell Day of Action

We gathered for the Campbell day of action on March 16th, coordinated with the racial justice working group to provide a day of workshops for justice and advocacy work in honor of the Campbell family. This day included a short worship service followed by workshops (listed below) for everyone in the congregation. After the workshops we invited people to join us for a graveside service at the Campbell family grave site and Edgewood cemetery.

Campbell Day of Action Workshops

- Packing bags with donations collected by the our congregation for the United Way's Community Baby Shower
- Love in Action UU Values Sign Making for Rallies and Protests
- Postcard Writing to your state representatives
- Campbell Commitment Wreath Making to bring to their Gravesite

Switch It Up Sunday "Celebrating Diversity" workshops for everyone on May 24th.

- Exploring Diversity in Music (in-person and Zoom)
- Exploring Racial Diversity through Mosaic Congregations (in person and Zoom)
- Exploring Diversity through Water Color Art
- Exploring Generational Diversity
- Exploring Diversity in Knowledge
- Exploring Diversity and Accessibility

Adult Faith Formation plans for 2025-2026

We will focus on the following ongoing and new program ideas for next year.

- Renew Faith Forward curriculum & offer the following programs at UU Nashua or online
 - "Coming of Age for Adults" & "UU History"
- Sustain covenant groups for small group ministry, weekly meditation group, bi-monthly young adult group, circle dinners, grief group, support groups, book discussions & interfaith partnership programs as they come up.
- Offer Embrace Race & Drawing Differences a curriculum for parents and children to explore talking about race with children. Sadie & Rev. Allison received training in fall 2024 to bring this program to UU Nashua.
- Offer Adult Faith Formation Games nights, book groups based in the UUA common read, Love at the Center.
- Summer Camping trip planned for Labor Day weekend at Greenfield State Park.
- Support volunteers who would like to offer a new or returning program!

Adult Faith Formation Programs offered from Sept 2025-June 2026

September “Honoring Arrival”	October “Sharing Stories”	November “Harvesting Connections”	December “Finding Holiness”	January “Trying our Best”
Grief Group Caregiver Support 5 Covenant Groups Safe Cong. Training 20s/30s Game Nights Circle Dinners Daring Democracy Book Group	Grief Group Coffee conversations Caregiver Support Group 5 Covenant Groups Intro to UU Circle Dinners 2 20s/30s Game Nights Huntington Group Elderberry meet up All Ages hike -Mine Falls Daring Democracy	CPR & AED training Grief Group Caregiver Support Group 1 Meditation Groups 1 Deep Gong Meditation 5 Covenant Groups 2 20s/30s Game Nights Energy Healing Exploring Membership Huntington Group Daring Democracy Group	Intro to UU Grief Group Caregiver Support Group 2 Meditation Groups 1 Deep Gong Meditation 5 Covenant Groups 2 20s/30s Game Nights Carol Sing Huntington Group Daring Democracy Book Group	Intro to UU Grief Group 2 Meditation Groups 1 Deep Gong Meditation Coffee conversations Caregiver Support Group 5 Covenant Groups Circle Dinners 2 20s/30s Game Nights Exploring Membership Huntington Group Daring Democracy Group
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Faith Formation Staff

Sadie Kahn-Greene, Credentialed Religious Educator, Director of Faith Formation (Aug 2017-Present)

Sadie's Professional development/denominational activities

- Religious Education Week at Ferry Beach "Supporting Parents in today's world" (July 2025)
- Good Offices Volunteer Work - *Sadie continues to volunteer as Good Officer for LREDA, advocating for religious educators in need of support through supportive phone & zoom calls, including training to new Good Officers.*
- LREDA Fall Conference in Portsmouth, NH, Nov. 5th-8th, 2025
- Monthly "Collegial Conversations" on Zoom facilitated by CB Beal
- Attended Preaching Class during the UUMA Institute in Albuquerque Jan 25-31.
- Will be attending Professional Days and General Assembly online on June 15-21, 2026
- Ongoing reading of current materials, resources, articles, and books relating to faith formation for all ages

Childcare & Faith Formation Assistant Staff

They work in collaboration with faith formation volunteers to provide caring and supportive childcare for our youngest children on Sunday mornings, after church childcare almost every Sunday and care for special events such as our kids movie nights and church auction movie night.

Sam Murray, Faith Formation Assistant and Childcare Caregiver (Sept 2023- June 2025)

Emma Goyette, Faith Formation Assistant and Childcare Caregiver (Sept 2023- Apr 2025)

After 3 years as our faith formation assistants and childcare providers both Emma and Sam let us know that this will be their last year as they graduated from college in May 2026. We said goodbye to Emma at the end of March to make room for her new full-time job elsewhere. Our Children and congregation offered Emma a sweet goodbye and will offer another celebration for Sam at the end of June. Sam and Emma have offered to help out occasionally as back-ups if they are available, we, as well as our UU kids will be grateful when we see them again!

During last Summer while we finished up at Rivier they worked for 2 hours supporting our Summer Children program for young children as well as elementary ages.

From Sept through Mid June they both worked from 9:15-12:45 most Sunday for before care, and stayed longer for after care as needed.

New Childcare & Faith Formation Assistant Staff

Manuela Calderon started on Easter Sunday and offers consistent gentle care for our littlest ones in childcare.

Rosie Lefrancois was newly hired and they will begin on May 31st!

We plan for their faith formation assistant role to continue with 2 hours supporting childcare and setup/clean up during Sundays during the summer 3.5 hours on Sundays during the year with additional care at special events as needed.

Once again I am incredibly grateful and proud to be working for such a wonder-filled, supportive and loving congregation.

Respectfully Submitted, Sadie Kahn-Greene, Director of Faith Formation