

Religious Education April 2011

MEET THE TEACHERS

Deb Hanson Has a Master's Degree in Piano Pedagogy. She has taught piano for 35 years. She also teaches preschool music and has been a kindermusik teacher in Michigan for 15 years. Other teaching venues include summer camps, after school programs, substitute teaching in public schools and appearances as Patches the Musical Rag Doll. "Patches Place" was a local TV show written and starring Deb which aired in Southfield, Michigan 2005- 2006 which combined her musical interests with her children's theater background. Deb is honored to bring entertainment and education, music, storytelling and theater to our Religious Education program.

Mary Virginia Wentzel is a graduate from Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia. She has been a multimedia artist, children's book illustrator, and art educator. Mary was the Curator of Education at the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona Beach and she is currently the Curator at Breakers Oceanfront Park Environmental Learning Center, one of the new ECHO parks at the Main Street Pier in Daytona Beach. Mary's illustrations are in private collections all over the world.

Deb and Mary are busy each Sunday making children feel welcomed and loved in our RE program. The children light a chalice each Sunday and share concerns and joys with each other.

You can find the children singing, painting, coloring and making get well cards for the members of our congregation. It is a happy and joyful time spent with each other.

The UU principles are taught in our Sunday school program. The principles are connected to colors of the rainbow:

Red is for Respecting everyone;

Orange is associated with compassion; and

Yellow is for learning about different religions and customs.

The children and the teachers are looking forward to presenting a program at a Potluck dinner in the Fall. The children have been making table favors at our potlucks lately. Have you noticed??

We are extremely fortunate to have two talented and loving teachers in our RE program. Their talents complement each other and it is an exceptional and nurturing team.

Respectfully submitted
Jeanne Young
acting RE coordinator