

April, 2011

Dear Parents,

Enclosed please find the 2011-2012 Registration Form for the YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists), also known as the Senior Youth Group. The YRUU is for ninth through twelfth graders and provides an opportunity for its members to bond with each other in the context of our Unitarian Universalist values and traditions. The meetings are held on Sunday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. throughout the church year. In addition to weekly meetings, there are some special activities such as retreats, fundraisers, and community service projects in which the youth participate during the year.

The YRUU has a group of advisors who are parishioners at First Parish. They guide the youth so that there is some structure within the group, yet also allow the youth to develop their leadership skills in making decisions as to how the group spends their time. The group incorporates the "Six Areas of Balanced Youth Programming", a structure developed by the Youth Office of the Unitarian Universalist Association as a framework for well-run YRUU groups. The six areas are Worship, Social Action, Activities and Fellowship, Learning, Leadership, and Youth-Adult Relations.

There is a fee of \$100 per youth (up to \$200/family) for families who do not make a yearly pledge to First Parish. If you have not made a pledge to the church for the coming year, please enclose a check made out to First Parish in Framingham and return it with your with your YRUU registration form.

We look forward to your youth's participation in the YRUU next year. It's a wonderful part of First Parish.

Sincerely,
Debbie Doucette
Nancy Benton
Co-Chairs, Religious Education Council

**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE IN THE R.E. OFFICE
BY SUNDAY, MAY 9th, 2010.**