

ALBANY UU SERVICE OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Service Opportunity Name/Title: Sunday Service Chalice Lighter

Service Opportunity Brief Description:

Children, with the assistance of Director of Religious Education & Family Ministry (DREFM) or with their family's assistance if they prefer, light the chalice on a Sunday morning, while the minister says a few words about the chalice lighter, introducing your child to the congregation.

Service Opportunity Detailed Description:

The Chalice Lighter job gives your child an easy opportunity to participate in the Sunday morning service. Children sign up ahead of time, and families compose a few lines about their child for the minister to read to the congregation. Usually the DREFM helps the child, but families are encouraged to be the helpers if they, or their child, prefer.

Length of Service Commitment: one Sunday service

This opportunity will enable your child, by lighting the chalice, to gain experience in being in front of the congregation during a Sunday morning service. It's an easy way to help your child better understand her/his ability to participate in what goes on in the adult world of Albany UU. Children often help their parents/caretakers compose their introduction ahead of time and enjoy highlighting a few of their interests, skills and likes, or things about their family that they see as important to share with the congregation. This helps your child become aware of her/his ability to shape how adults perceive them.

Skills Needed: No special skills are necessary.

Training, assistance, and safety requirements:

Arriving fifteen minutes before the service will allow the DREFM to walk you and your child through the ceremony. Your child will become more comfortable with what is to happen in a relaxed atmosphere. It also allows the minister a chance to read through what he will say about your child. The chalice lighting is a two-hand procedure with one hand being that of the helping adult to avoid any mishaps with flame.

Number of positions available: one each Sunday

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