



Unitarian Universalist
Congregation of Binghamton

Family Ministry Team



Family Ministry Is ...

an approach to faith development that recognizes that parents, grandparents and caregivers are the primary religious educators for their children, and our is an intentional community of all ages.



Family Ministry includes families throughout congregational life

Our congregation seeks to provide opportunities and resources for practicing our faith *as families*, in the congregation and at home. Here, people of all ages worship together, learn together, serve together, and connect. At-home resources and opportunities for action in the community bring our faith into our daily lives and foster connection with each other and the world.



The Family Ministry Team

is an integral part of the Family Ministry model at UUCB.

The **Family Ministry Team** is a group of volunteers who each focus on an area of interest, partnering with others to:

- create inclusive opportunities for faith development, worship, service, support and connection for families of all kinds
- review ongoing activities and advocate for inclusion of families, as families
- provide parent/caregiver support, education and resources

The Family Ministry Team works closely with other volunteers and the Director of Family Ministry (DFM).



Team Structure

Each Team member holds a portfolio, and has primary responsibility for work in that area. Team members do **not** do all the work.

The ongoing focus of Family Ministry at UUCB will be determined by the portfolio-holders. **The work of unfilled portfolios will not get done.**

Team members are asked to hold their portfolio for two years.

Portfolios

The portfolios we envision now are:

Welcome and Connection: Ensure that new families are warmly welcomed and enthusiastically connected with the congregation, and provide followup as needed. (partner with DFM, Minister and Membership Committee)

Sunday Morning Classes for Children: Provide curriculum and materials, and administration assistance for traditional Sunday School classes, for preK – Grade 8. (partner with DFM)

“First Sunday” Workshops: Plan and support workshops (partner with DFM)

Social Action: Plan and support social action opportunities that include children, youth and families. (partner with Social Action HUUB and DFM)

At-Home Faith: Support at-home spiritual practices, routines, and engagement in our Unitarian Universalist faith through the week. (partner with DFM)

Volunteer Recruitment: Recruit class teachers and Team portfolio-holders as needed (partner with the DFM)

Social Events: Plan and oversee 3 all-ages, non-Sunday social events per year.

Worship: Support young people in Sunday worship services, plan and support worship for children & youth, and non-Sunday worship for all. (partner with minister, Worship Committee and DFM)

Youth Ministry: Provide youth group, service, educational and regional youth experiences, as well as connection to the larger congregation. (partner with DFM)

All-Ages Education: Plan and support theme-based, congregation-wide educational events and opportunities. (partner with DFM and Minister)

Parent Support: Plan and lead parent group(s), identify parent/caregiver needs and partner with others to meet those needs. (partner with DFM)

Mobilization: Motivate and equip members to engage their passions and gifts through volunteer ministry, within the church and in the wider community. (partner with LDR and Minister)

Other portfolios are possible, as there is interest.

Family ministry at UUCB depends on volunteers who hold and support these portfolios. Your staff is here to partner with you, but needs you to make these things happen.



How will you get involved?

How to Get Involved

Join the Family Ministry Team – This means holding a portfolio – which one calls to you? The Team sets its own meeting schedule, probably about 3 times a year. Otherwise, the work is done on your own schedule.

Support a Portfolio Holder – Once someone is holding a portfolio, they will need people to help. Agreeing to help in one or more areas is a great way to support Family Ministry at UUCB



Questions or to Volunteer

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