

## **Supervising Children and Youth at First Unitarian Church of Des Moines**

Maintaining the safety of our youth and children is part of the covenant we have with the church and with each other. Parents/guardians or a designated guardian are responsible for their own children and youth when they are not in a scheduled church activity as well as before and after scheduled church activities.

During the times children (Birth to Grade 8) are not in a religious education setting with two adults present or in a childcare room with paid childcare staff, families/guardians are required to take responsibility for the children, both in the building and on the grounds. Supervision is not provided on the playground or church grounds except when a religious education teacher or paid staff take the children or youth outside.

Seventh and Eighth graders and high school age youth can be unsupervised, although cannot be in a room with the door closed and/or lights off.

The church is not responsible for the safety of children and youth on church grounds at times other than during the time of scheduled church events. Parents/guardians or a designated guardian of children, birth to grade 8, should not leave church grounds while their children are in a supervised activity. No children or youth should be on the church grounds at times when no church events are scheduled unless a parent or adult authorized by a parent is present with the child or youth. The High School Youth Coordinator and Advisors shall see that youth are not left alone on the property but are attended by at least two adults while awaiting pick-up by parents after meetings.