

Childcare Policy for All Soles Contra Dances at First UU Church Effective January 2007

Recently, we attracted over double the number of children that can be watched by a single sitter. That's great news for the dance! But it necessitated hiring two sitters. As this cost is higher than we can expect the church budget to accommodate, we have a new plan that is working well.

The first five children to arrive for the dance will be watched by the hired sitter. A dancer arriving with a sixth or additional child(ren) will notify Kate Power or the caller, and then the parent will return to the childcare room to assist the sitter. At the end of that dance, an announcement will be made for another parent to take a brief turn in the childcare room, and rotation will continue until the number of children returns to five or less.

[Note from Kate: very few contra dances provide childcare, so we are very fortunate to have the support of the church administration. We are happy to attract young families and single parents, and will continue to make childcare available.]