

Faculty and Staff



Robin Abeshaus is the teacher of the Tuesday-Thursday 4-5 class. Robin began with UCCC in November 2005. Her background includes a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education and many years of teaching experience, including 1st/2nd grade at the Bank Street School in New York City and preschool at Clark Fork School here in Missoula. Robin is a former UCCC parent (her children are now teenagers!) and is married to Stephen Kalm. As with all preschool teachers, Robin is adept at many disciplines; however, she especially enjoys art processes with young children, literature, and song. In her spare time, she loves to walk, ice skate, read, and volunteer in the public schools and the Missoula Food Bank. Robin's originally from Pennsylvania, grew up there and in Arizona, and moved to Missoula from New York City in 1994.



Edie Cloud, shown here with former classroom pet Barry, the guinea pig, teaches all the classes for Three and Four-Year olds at UCCC and administers the "Lunch Bunch" and summer programs. She taught at the school from 1993 to 1994, and then after a hiatus, returned in 2001 and has been here since! Edie has worked in the field of early childhood education since she graduated from college, teaching at Seattle's Virginia Mason Hospital Child Center, and as a Child care inspector in the area of program licensing and compliance for the Montana State Department of Public Health and Human services. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Montana State University's Department of Early Children Education. In her classroom, Edie especially likes encouraging children's individuality, singing funny songs and enjoying the "best job" in the world! Edie has two children and is married to Mike. A native of Helena, MT, Edie has lived in Missoula since 1993 and loves to read, go to movies and follow her kids around in their various extra-curricular activities.



Jean Woessner teaches the MWF 4-5 class. In the classroom she especially enjoys exploring science processes, playing with language, singing and helping children become effective communicators. Jean loves teaching at UCCC and has been with the school since 1981, first as a parent, then as a Board Member, and finally as a teacher (since 1986)! She received her B.A. from The College of Wooster and an M.Ed. (Child Development/Early Childhood Education) from Tufts University. Her years of educational experience include teaching kindergarten in Florida, Wisconsin and Montana, and many hours spent volunteering in Missoula's public schools as her two (now grown) children progressed through the system. In her spare time, Jean directs a small vocal ensemble at University Congregational UCC, volunteers at the Poverello Center Food Pantry, and maintains the UCC and UCCC websites. A native Virginian, she's married to Bill, and has lived in the USA from the Southwest to the Northeast, Canada and Austria. She likes to travel, cook, hike, kayak, and garden.



Ann Wiltse is the Administrative Liaison at UCCC. Ann is a former (and future) UCCC parent and was co-chair of the UCCC board from 2007 to 2009. Before becoming a stay-at-home mom, she was a Research Historian at Historical Research Associates in Missoula and was Director of Development at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. A native Pennsylvanian, Ann has a B.A. and B.S. from Boston University and a M.A. in the History of American Civilization from Brandeis University. She enjoys organizing stuff, baking cakes and hanging out with her three young children and husband Jeff, a history professor at the University of Montana. She loves to bodysurf, play hockey and taste wine.