

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH 2010-2011

Dear families,

Welcome to our congregation and to our Religious Education Program for children and youth! Our programming includes worship, Sunday classes, youth groups, parent education and family events.

On Sunday mornings we all begin together in the sanctuary, with the children and youth dismissed for their classes after a short time.

Our curriculum is drawn from five major areas of concentration:

- *Unitarian Universalism*
- *Jewish & Christian heritage*
- *World Religions*
- *Peace and Justice*
- *The Natural World*

*For 2010-2011 we are excited to introduce seven **Faith in Action** Sundays. On these Sundays children and youth will take a break from their regular curriculum to focus on social justice through hands on activities and projects. Second graders through high school youth will work together on issues of peace, environmental awareness, our Partner church, hunger, homelessness and community service.*

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our program. We are so happy you are here!

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Rev. Ann Willever, Family Minister

Sunday mornings at FUSF Nursery (*Babies & toddlers*)

Tender, loving care for our youngest children in the Nursery with our childcare provider.

Preschool

(Children who have turned 3 or 4 before September 1, 2010)

Chalice Children

Stories & simple projects celebrating children, families and emotions.

Kindergarten & first grade

Web of Life

Through hands-on activities young children are introduced to the seventh Unitarian Universalist Principle - respect for the "interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part".

Second & Third Grades

Moral Tales - Fall

Helps children discern what is right and true, to hear and follow the call of Love, and to turn their moral beliefs and ethical concerns into concrete action.

Free to Believe - Spring

Will focus on life's big questions – about death, about God, about the creation of life, through the lens of UU sources.

My UU Journey (for grades 3, 4 & 5) is an independent program for children and parents to work on together with activities and projects, focusing on the Unitarian Universalist Principles.

Fourth - Sixth Grades Toolbox of Faith - Fall

Participants are invited to reflect on the qualities of our Unitarian Universalist faith, such as integrity, courage and love, as tools they can use in living their lives and building their own faith.

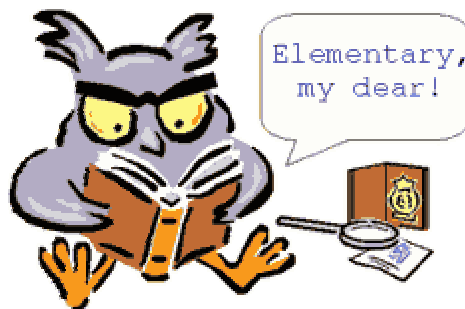
Windows & Mirrors - Spring

Children explore topics such as faith heritage, public service, anti-racism and prayer. The program teaches that there are always multiple viewpoints and everyone's viewpoint matters.

7th & 8th grades

Compass Points

This curriculum for young adolescents covers topics such as concepts of faith (including sacred texts), the circle of life (change and death), connections to our UU faith, connections to the world and the interdependent web.



Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.) 7th & 8th grades

O.W.L. is the UUA's acclaimed comprehensive sexuality education program. Trained leaders, Joan Scialo-Rubin and Jerry Rubin will teach this program for the second time. OWL will meet on Sunday afternoons, approximately once a month. Families with eligible children will receive important information during the summer.

9th - 12th grades

Programming for Senior youth will include some curriculum based, some Social action projects, some worship-based and some Youth group. Youth group will also meet one Sunday evening per month.

Youth groups

Chalice Club

This group for 5th and 6th graders meets about once a month on Sunday afternoons with Parent Coordinators for fun and social action!

Junior Youth Group

This group for 7th and 8th graders will meet four times during the year with adult advisors for socialization & social action!

Senior Youth group

Meets twice a month – once on Sunday evening and once on Sunday morning – open to all youth of high school age.

Religious Education Committee

Our mission is to serve the congregation as stewards of the Religious Education ministry, which is dedicated to life-long spiritual learning

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