

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH 2011-2012

Dear families,

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

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

Our curriculum is drawn from five major areas:

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

Religious education is central to the mission of our congregation and is made possible by the generous contributions of time, treasure and energy by all who participate. 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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The Religious Education Committee's mission is to serve the congregation as stewards of the Religious Education ministry, which is dedicated to life-long spiritual learning.

Sunday mornings at FUSF

Nursery (Babies & toddlers)

Tender, loving care for our youngest children.

Preschool

We are Many, We are One

(Children are 3 or 4 before September 1, 2011)

Stories & simple projects celebrating children, families and emotions.



Kindergarten & first grade

Wonderful Welcome

Children identify intangible gifts central to Unitarian Universalism such as friendship, hospitality and fairness, and share these gifts with others.

Second & Third Grades

Faithful Journeys

Structured around the Unitarian Universalist Principles, this program demonstrates that our Principles are not a dogma, but a credo that individuals can affirm with many kinds of actions.

Fourth - Sixth Grades

Questing Year

Four quests designed to help children seek and develop their own answers to deep life questions about human faith and the web of all existence. The Mystery Quest, the Inner Quest, the Action Quest and the UU Quest are challenging & fun. A social action project is integrated into the year.



Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.) 5th & 6th grades

O.W.L. is the UUA's acclaimed comprehensive sexuality education program. Trained leaders, Maddy Rivera-Bellino and Dave Brunell will teach this program for the second time. OWL will meet on Saturday afternoons during the first half of the year. Parents will attend an orientation with the instructors.

7th & 8th grades

Building Bridges

Youth explore a variety of faiths through activities and by sharing worship experiences as they discover that all religions emerge to meet the same, fundamental human needs.

Junior Youth meet for fun and social action throughout the year with adult advisors.



9th & 10th grades

Coming of Age

For 9th and 10th graders (and older youth who have not previously completed it), this program meets monthly on Sunday afternoons throughout the year. Participants each have an adult mentor from the congregation. Workshops include Unitarian Universalist Theology and History, Leadership, Spirituality and Social Action. The program culminates with individual credo statements that are presented during Sunday worship.

Senior Youth

On Sunday morning teens in grades 9-12 are invited to attend worship, assist in the Nursery or in a Religious education class.

Additional opportunities for outreach, socialization and fun will be scheduled throughout the year!