UUFWC Religious Education for Children and Youth 2019-20

Minds that think, Hearts that love, and Hands that are willing to serve

We’re so excited to begin another year in UUFWC RE. On this prospectus, you’ll find information on curriculum, upcoming events, and opportunities for your child/youth’s involvement. Please join us for the first day of RE: Sunday, September 8th! We hope to see your family then!

CURRICULUM
Nursery (Infant-3) Our littlest UUs will gather to “light” a felt chalice followed by free play.
Blessed Bees (PreK-K) Rainbow Connection uses story books, simple games and activities to discuss those values inherent in the Principles and in Unitarian Universalism on an early childhood level.
Earth Spirits (1st-3rd) Picture Book UU uses popular children’s books to illustrate our seven UU Principles and help children identify what Unitarian Universalism means to them.
Extra Extreme Explorers (4-6th) Toolbox of Faith explores what tools Unitarian Universalism offer for the challenges of life. Children discover what aspects of UU faith are helpful to them, developing a figurative, and literal, toolbox of faith.
Coming of Age (7-10th) Youth who have not yet completed Coming of Age are invited to meet during the 9:30 hour on Sundays for an exploration of their personal spirituality and values through reflection, mentorship, and group discussion/workshops. Participants will create a Credo statement to be shared at the end of the program and will explore possibilities of a group pilgrimage or social action trip. Class will not meet on Sundays when there are all-ages services.
Youth Community (7-12th) Any member of Youth Community is invited to gather and connect with each other from 11a-12p on Sundays (with the exception of the all-ages worship Sundays). In addition to monthly social gatherings and a lock in, this will be the youth community’s time for community, planning, and social justice work throughout the year.

SUNDAY SERVICES
This year we will continue our monthly all-ages services. We will be using a monthly, theme-based format that will span services, RE classes, social media posts, and small group meetings and events for adults as well as children. Our hope is for this to be an opportunity for your families to discuss big topics both separately and together.

COMMUNICATION
Recognizing that parents and caretakers are children’s primary religious educators, we want to support your family in having meaningful conversations throughout the week. During the RE year, registered caregivers will receive a brief weekly email designed to let you know what was discussed in RE classes and ways to incorporate the lesson into family activities in the week ahead. RE program information is also always included in the monthly UUFWC Newsletter and on the Fellowship calendar.
2019-20 RE Calendar

SEPTEMBER
1—Animal Blessing—All-ages, NO RE/Nursery only
8—First Day of RE!!!
8—Youth Community Cookout 11a-1p Outside or in EEE
Come spend time in community and also wish Dawn well on her new adventures!
29—Fire Drill during 9:30a RE classtime

OCTOBER
20—All-ages Service—NO RE/Nursery only
27—Halloween Dress up and Trick or Treat during RE!

NOVEMBER
24—Bread Communion All-ages Service—NO RE/Nursery only

DECEMBER
1—Pageant Meeting 11am in EEE
8—Pageant Costume Fitting 11am in EEE
14—Pageant Dress Rehearsal 10a-12pm in Strawn Hall
15—Children’s Holiday Pageant—One service only at 10am
We’ll be performing “Would You Like to Hold the Baby?”
22—One Service: 10am NO RE or Nursery
24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm
29—One Service 10am NO RE or Nursery

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
RE classes and nursery will be held on all Sundays except those noted on this calendar.
RE for Preschool through Coming of Age will be held at 9:30a; Youth Community (any youth 7-12th) will meet at 11a.
Nursery care is typically available during both services for birth—age 3 ½.

K-2nd & 4-6th OWL will be offered this coming winter. OWL is an age-appropriate, fact based, and holistic approach to sexuality education. Watch for an invitation this fall if your child is in one of these grades.

Travelling Chalice
Did you know the UUFWC has a traveling chalice? It’s true! The chalice voyages to the homes of RE families bringing light and good discussion to dinner tables and living rooms. Families will have the opportunity to bring home a special box with a chalice, a notebook, and discussion cards and create chalice lightings of their own. Our chalice begins its journey mid-September.

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