

2018-2019 Religious Education Program Year

9:00am Worship & Adult Education Classes

Childcare provided in Murray Room for children up to 5 years old. Older children and youth are invited and welcome to attend Worship or Adult Education Classes with parent/guardian(s).

11:00am Worship

Religious Education Classes:

Nursery (infants – young 3 year olds) in Murray Room

PreK (3-young 5 year olds) in Barton Room (begin in Worship for the Story for All Ages)

K-5th Grade in Emerson/Thoreau Rooms (begin in Worship for the Story for All Ages)

Middle and High School Youth serve the congregation in a lay leadership position or attend Worship.

(Middle School Youth who have met the pre-requisites and registered may attend OWL classes in the Library.)

Both the PreK and K-5th Grade classes begin in the Worship Service at 11:00am and the children are dismissed to class after the story.

PreK Class: Rainbow Connections

Children in this class will have loving support as they are introduced to the ideas behind the Seven Principles as we focus on the values inherent in each. In an age appropriate way, the Leaders will help these children begin to explore their faith community and the UU Principles. The class will also spend time outside.

K-5th Grade: Super Heroes: Bible Stories

In a world where so often "might makes right" and at an age when they are beginning to form values that will take them through their lives, your children are about to meet super heroes from the Bible who were "powerful with brains and even stronger in their hearts."

- * we will introduce children to the stories of people from the Bible who have acted with courage and wisdom in their attempts to lead their lives fully and make the world a better place for others
- * we will show how the lives of these people confirm the principles which we, as Unitarian Universalists, strive to promote
- * we will encourage the children to lead their own lives fully and to use their own positive "super powers" as they interact with the world around them, and as they do so, to grow both spiritually and ethically.

Middle and High School YUUTH

Our youth are encouraged to become active participants in the body of the Fellowship. As they continue their faith formation journeys, youth may choose to attend Worship Services on Sunday mornings, serve in important lay leadership positions, or join the choir. They will have several opportunities during the year to participate in community service/social justice, social events, and interfaith programs.

Monthly Youth Gatherings:

Sunday Social for Senior High Youth

High School youth gather from 4:00-6:00pm on the second Sunday of the month for check-in and conversation over dinner. This is an important opportunity to socialize and bond for our older youth who typically volunteer on Sunday mornings. Please rsvp to dre@uufws.org by the Friday before so that we order sufficient food - and to alert us of any food allergies.

Seminar: Life Skills 101 for Middle and High School Youth

Middle and High School youth gather from 4:00-6:00pm on the third Sunday of the month for a seminar on life skills. Throughout the year we will explore a variety of life skills including: yoga/meditation; membership opportunities and benefits for youth; first aid; cooking; and basic home and auto repair/maintenance.

Our Whole Lives - sexuality education for middle school

Middle School Youth may participate in the optional sexuality education program called "Our Whole Lives". In order to participate, at least one parent/guardian must have participated in a mandatory Orientation at 10:30am on September 23rd in the Fellowship's Library. You must contact dre@uufws.org in advance if you are unable to attend that meeting in order to make arrangements for attending a make-up Orientation.

The Our Whole Lives (OWL) program offers age-appropriate, accurate, and honest information about sexuality. The middle school program is comprehensive and encourages open communication between youth and their parents/guardians. In addition to attending the Orientation, parents/guardians must also sign a permission form and register their youth for the Religious Education program. OWL classes will begin on October 7 and will meet on most Sundays through mid to late April. Classes will meet in the Library (with breakout groups sometimes meeting in the Anthony room) from 10:30am-Noon on the scheduled Sundays.

Middle School Youth Conference at The Mountain: November 30-December 2

Senior High Youth Conference at The Mountain: December 7-9