

Those families who are cultivating the habit of churchgoing are giving their children a precious gift - a gift that enlivens their childhood and provides deep and sustaining roots for the future. The simple habit of churchgoing acknowledges that the spiritual life is of value and weaves connections to a web of faithful folks, connections to a religious community that can be life-sustaining and life transforming.

Jeanne Harrison Nieuwejaar in *The Gift of Faith*

Yet how young we are when we start wondering about it all, the nature of the journey and the final destination.

Robert Coles

Welcome to Way Cool

Sunday School

Summer 2010

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WUUC Nursery Program 2008-2009

The WUUC Nursery strives to be a warm, welcoming, and safe place for children. Every Sunday the nursery is open to care for children 6 months through three years (as of 9/08) while their parents/caregivers attend the worship service. Children of visitors are welcome. Your children can join in the opening Friendship Circle curriculum of songs and activities, play with other children under the supervision of the nursery caregivers, help clean up, and join the closing circle. Participation is optional in all activities, as we know children in this age range have different levels of interest and abilities.

- The nursery opens at 9:45 AM with two adults, including 1 lead caregiver, and 1-2 youths providing care.
- All parents are asked to sign their children in and out. If your children are not registered with WUUC's RE program, you can fill out a short form so we can have vital information on hand.
- Parents are welcome to stay with their child/children in the nursery as long as needed or desired.
- There is a separate area for young, non-mobile children to keep them safe from the high energy of active toddlers.
- We provide a variety of toys and activities, including books, wood and plastic toys, a "housekeeping" area with a kitchen, and a garden activity area.
- There is a fenced outside play area that is used occasionally during good weather.
- The nursery program runs until 11:15 a.m., or until the church service ends, whichever is later. We encourage parents to enjoy refreshments and adult conversation until the nursery lets out.

We look forward to meeting you and your children.

Unitarian Universalist Principles and the Sources of Our Living Tradition

(in language for children)

Unitarian Universalist Principles

We believe...

- that every person is important.
- in helping to make fair rules.
- that our church is a friendly place where we help each other to grow in understanding.
- in searching for what is right and true.
- in freedom of opinion and the right to vote.
- in trying to live peacefully and fairly with all people.
- in caring for our planet Earth.

Sources of Our Faith Tradition

Our own experiences of life's wonder and mystery that inspire us on our spiritual journeys;

Other people's words and actions that remind us to speak up against unfairness;

Wisdom from the world's religions;

Jewish and Christian teachings to love our neighbor as ourselves;

Humanist teachings to live guided by reason and science.

Some of Our Safety Procedures

We have a mandate to do our very best to ensure that this church is a safe place for children, youth, and people of all ages. We are not set up to supervise or guarantee the safety of children and youth apart from the Religious Education program. For the sake of safety, the only choices on Sunday morning during the service are to be in the sanctuary or in class. **Before and after class, parents are responsible for supervising their children including anywhere outside on the church grounds.**

Parents are asked to accompany to the portable and sign in their children who are six and younger. Parents are asked to sign out children who have just completed the second grade and younger. At 11:15, or at the end of the service if it runs longer, older children will be released to join their parents.

Parents may arrange with the teachers to observe classes. Helpers and other observers may be in the classrooms only with the permission of the teachers.

In case of fire or other emergency warranting evacuation of the building, classes are to walk to the fire pit area at the northeast corner of the grounds. Teachers will take attendance clipboards with them and check off that children are accounted for before releasing them to their parents.

Any WUUC children, youths, or families inviting other WUUC children and youths to their own parties and activities should refrain from extending invitations during classes, youth group meetings, or by using church communications. It should be made clear to families that the invitation is to a private event, not an activity sponsored by WUUC, and there is no church liability insurance coverage, and no supervision requirements.

Welcome to Summer Sunday School

General Information

The Nursery at WUUC is open on Sunday mornings year round for children from six months of age through those not yet entering kindergarten in the fall. (Those who are four will be moving up to a new group in September.) Parents with very young babies are welcome to be in the Nursery with them. The Nursery has monthly curriculum themes. The summer units are “Working Together”, “Our Big Beautiful World”, and “Playing in Nature is Fun.”

Children who are going into kindergarten and first grade in the fall meet in Portable 1A for *Lessons from Dr. Seuss* this summer, combining hearing and talking about the stories with fun activities based on the themes.

Elementary age children meet in Portable 2 to explore *The Spirit of the River*. What lives in and around a river? How do they affect each other? Who uses the river? How do people and their activities impact the river ecosystems? Who does the water belong to?

The Youth Groups, Junior Youth (7th – 9th grades), and Senior Youth (10th – 12th grades) are adjourned until the fall when they will again meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00.

Summer Sundays

10:00 Families gather in the sanctuary
10:15 Children and teachers begin activities
11:15 Please pick up children promptly

Summer 2010 Calendar

June 20 Dr. Seuss: Yertle the Turtle
The River: We Gather at the River A

27 Dr. Seuss: Horton Hatches the Egg
The River: We Gather at the River B

July 4 Dr. Seuss: Gertrude McFuzz
No Elementary age Curriculum

11 Dr. Seuss: What was I Scared Of?
River: Water, Water Everywhere...A

18 Dr. Seuss: The Sneeches
River: Water, Water Everywhere...B

25 Dr. Seuss: The Zax
The River: Nature's Hide & Seek A

Aug. 1 Dr. Seuss: I Can Lick 30 Tigers
The River: Nature's Hide & Seek B

8 Dr. Seuss: The Glunk that Got Thunk
The River: Sunny Side Mary

15 Dr. Seuss: The Big Brag
The River: The Caican Water Project

22 Dr. Seuss: Green Eggs and Ham
The River: The Dog at the Well

29 Dr. Seuss: Horton Hears a Who
The River: Clear Water

Sept. 5 Celebration of Dr. Seuss
The Spirit of the River

12 Ingathering Sunday – new classes

19 First Children's Service