



Family Tree

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Religious Education for Children & Youth

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Fall RE Program

RE Classes, Preschool - 9th grade~ 11:15-12:15
Nursery for children 3 & under~ 10:45-12:15

Welcome back from all your Summer ventures! We've kicked off our 2011-12 Program Year, & the teachers have now added a couple of class notches to their belts with the new curricula. It's been such a joy to welcome so many new families around the Fellowship recently while also reconnecting with familiar friends.

Sunday Schedule

Sept. 4- Children's Worship Service (CWS), 11am-11:20

On the first Sunday of each month, children & youth gather in the Fellowship Hall for their own Worship Service. With this month's theme of "Vision", we'll use our imaginations to visualize our dreamiest church ever! Parents are always welcomed to stay for CWS or choose to go into the Sanctuary.

11:20-noon

Chalice Children (PreK-K) are "sung out" to class, where they'll learn something about Chalices & make their own. Please pick up in the Forest Room, #2.

Faith in Action~ 1st-9th graders will stay in the Fellowship Hall after the CWS, where they'll play some group social games, then illustrate their visions for UUFA. Please pick up in the Fellowship Hall. JrUUs (7-9th grade) are encouraged to help lead the CWS & Faith in Action projects this year.

Sept. 11 Classes

Chalice Children~ Memory Game
Rainbows (gr 1-3)~ Session 2, Unconditional Love
Seekers (gr 4-6)~ Session 3, Integrity
JrUU (gr 7-9)~ Compass Points

Sept. 18 Classes

Chalice Children~ Making Chalices
Rainbows (gr 1-3)~ Session 5, Finding Balance
Seekers (gr 4-6)~ Session 3, Integrity, part 2
JrUU (gr 7-9)~ Service roles in the Sanctuary

Sept. 18 Town Hall Meeting, 12:30-1:30

If the theme across the Fellowship is "Vision", then here's the opportunity for all interested in discussing our vision for RE. From classrooms to curricula, CWS to all-ages services, kitchen to playground, & social to serious time, your ideas are wanted! Morgan & the RE Committee will share info with you, then hear your visions. Childcare and snacks provided, BYO lunch.

Sept. 25 Classes

Chalice Children~ Fall Plantings
Rainbows (gr 1-3)~ Field Trip to Food Bank
Seekers (gr 4-6)~ Field Trip to Food Bank
JrUU (gr 7-9)~ Field Trip to Food Bank

RE 2011-12 Curricula

Chalice Children~ *Chalice Children Curriculum*
Rainbows~ *Faithful Journeys*
Seekers~ *Toolbox of Faith*
(Gr 1-6 from the UUA Tapestry of Faith Lifespan Curriculum)
JrUU~ *Compass Points*

Visit the following links for Tapestry of Faith curriculum:

Faithful Journeys~

<http://uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/faithfuljourneys/index.shtml>

Toolbox of Faith~

<http://uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/toolboxfaith/index.shtml>

Registration

Registration is so important for both planning purposes & your child's safety. If you haven't yet entered or updated your information, register online at:

https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?hl=en_US&formkey=dHYoVzdWdWtWZzIIdUowMVhblldoWUE6MQ#gid=0

You'll find our new **Parent Handbook** on the RE Table in the foyer. Be sure to get yours & review it!

Volunteer Corner

Call for Youth Advisors! Wanna have a great time while inspiring terrific kids? Then come lead our youth! JrUUs will meet for 10 sessions on Sunday mornings during the 11am service. YRUU commitment involves facilitating Small Group Ministry discussions for grades 10-12 during a time/day to be decided. Youth Advisors for both age groups also get to chaperone social events & youth conferences. Please contact [Morgan](#) for details.

1st Sunday Assistants are needed to help set up for the CWS & assist with Faith in Action activities.

The RE Committee meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 9-10:30. Come join us anytime!

Fall CONs at the Mountain

October 21-23 Elementary (3rd-5th grades)
November 11-13 Junior High (6th-8th grades)
December 2-4 Senior High (9th-12th grades)

Our Whole Lives (OWL)

Sexuality Program for 7-9th graders

This year-long course offers comprehensive, honest, and accurate sexual education in a sacred and safe space for our teens. **Parent Orientation Sessions have been moved to late September. Please watch for dates!**

For more information on OWL, visit the UUA webpage: <http://uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/ourwhole/index.shtml>

Kickoff Thanks!

So many folks were responsible for the success of this big day. Working the BIG 3Fs~ Food, Fellowship Hall, & Front Line as greeters~ were Mindy McCage, Tom Senyitko, Julie Sapp, Kristin Shea, & Liz Weaver. The Teachers, who patiently occupied kids during an unusually long class, were Diane Baggett, Brittany Fleming, Deborah Keys, Barbara Kiewel, David Sweat, & Kip & Sherri Tanner. Cleaners were Mindy McCage, Hank Reikle, Paul Schliekelman, Carly Sundland, and more, I'm sure. Lots of families brought dishes to share, the musicians were fabulously fun, & whoever dealt with our playground "gift" certainly gets the seat of honor! Thank you all, including those whose names are not listed, for rolling up your sleeves to help out~ *It was a great time!*