

2008-2009

RECY Classes and Curriculum Descriptions

1st Service, 9:30-10:45am



Explorers United
(ages 6-18)

Mystery Box

Students open a "Mystery Box" each Sunday. What is inside the box is unknown to the teacher and students, alike, but together, they will search its contents. They will encounter language, culture, history, beliefs, and art hidden within and in their exploration discover what Unitarian Universalism is and who they are.



Nursery Play: Available to children aged 0- 5 on Sunday mornings from 9:15-12:15pm. Please sign your child in and out of childcare, EACH time. Children ages 3 and up are strongly encouraged to attend the Preschool RE class, during the second service.

2nd Service, 11:00- 12:15pm

Preschool and Kindergarten
(ages 3-6)



Story Time

This program is designed to help children separate from their parents in a safe, fun environment and to become familiar and comfortable at Tapestry. The sessions are based on current children's literature that helps young children focus on feelings, relationships, nature, and holidays. *Story Time* uses picture book stories and related art activities to illustrate themes such as honesty, love, trust, family, and respect for nature.

Grades 1st- 3rd (ages 6-9)

Stories About God

This program offers children a variety of experience with that which people call God. It exposes them to insights from all the world religions to foster the notion that God has many names. *Stories About God* helps children develop a language to express their thoughts and feelings about the divine in many forms, exploring understandings of God as a oneness, God as love and worth, and God as mystery.



Grades 4th- 6th (ages 10- 12)

Jesus and His Kingdom of Equals



This program introduces youth to a historical Jesus based on contemporary biblical research from a UU perspective. It highlights the relationship between Jesus and the UU Principles; teachings of Jesus are an ancestral source of modern UUism. It explores Jesus' radical path to justice and love as a social activist. Teaching what we really do and do not know about Jesus provides a baseline for students to decide what interpretations are or are not worthy of consideration and inclusion within their own belief system.

Grades 7th-12th (ages 13-18)



YOUTH GROUP

Offers an opportunity to reflect and socialize in a safe open environment; to learn about Unitarian Universalism and begin to formulate personal faiths. It is here that they are able to share their beliefs and ideals in the making. Youth are encouraged to develop leadership skills; to participate in the larger world of Unitarian Universalist youth programs; to reflect on youth concerns and their own identity as a UU youth; to become involved in social action issues and to develop and lead a church worship service.



4 Ways to Support Your Explorer's Spiritual Growth

- ✓ Volunteer to help in the RE program when you register your Explorer.
- ✓ Meet your Explorer's teacher/advisor and review the curriculum. Spend some time each week discussing what was learned/experienced that Sunday.
- ✓ Share your own religious beliefs. Allow your Explorer time and space to develop their spirituality.
- ✓ Encourage appropriate behavior at Tapestry by discussing and affirming the classroom covenants and through discussions of our UU principles and what they mean in terms of behavior.



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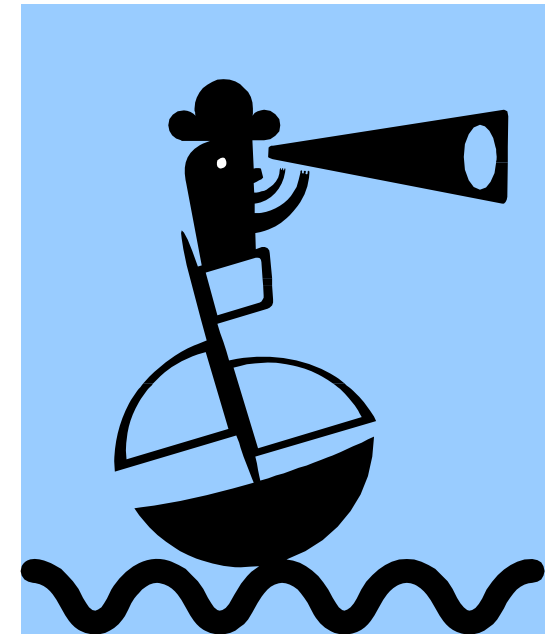
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Journeys of Religious Growth

