

UUCM Religious Education Program

Pre-K



Belonging in My UU Home

K/1st Grade



Building Loving Connections

2nd/3rd Grade



Growing UU Love & Justice

4th/5th Grade



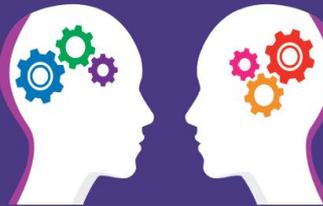
Empowering UU Faith & Justice

6th/7th Grade



Exploring Beliefs, Discovering Our Voice

OWL/Heed the Call



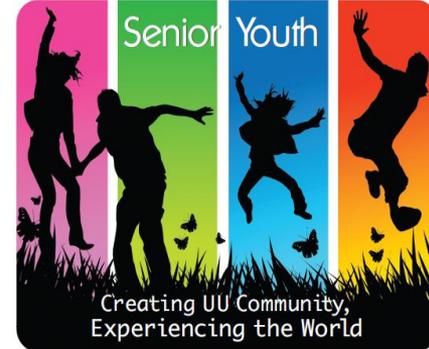
Awakening Empathy & Respect Together

Coming of Age



Claiming & Articulating UU Identity

Senior Youth



Creating UU Community,
Experiencing the World

Curricula Brochure 2018/2019

R.E Program Purpose

The purpose of the Religious Education Program is to guide our children and youth in:

- Nurturing the individual spirit within our loving community
- Understanding that we are part of Unitarian Universalist heritage; past, present and future
- Cultivating curiosity about, appreciation for, and engagement with, all faith traditions
- Developing a lifelong practice of service
- Encouraging mindfulness and a sense of wonder

Classroom Goals

Pre-K: Belonging in my U.U Home

Kindergarten/1st: Building Loving Connections

2nd/3rd: Growing U.U Love & Justice

4th/5th: Empowering U.U Faith & Justice

6th/7th: Exploring Beliefs,
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Heed the Call. OWL: Awakening Empathy &
Respect Together

Coming of Age: Claiming & Articulating U.U Identity

Senior Youth: Creating U.U Community &
Experiencing the World.

Pre-K: Celebrating Me & My World

(at 11:15 depending on enrollment)

LOCATION: Basement, Susan B. Anthony Room

Celebrating Me and My World gives preschoolers an opportunity to grow in their sense of trust and caring and to develop their self-identity and their sense of connectedness with all of life.

The goals of this program include helping children to develop a positive self-image, to develop cooperative social skills and to be able to express themselves.



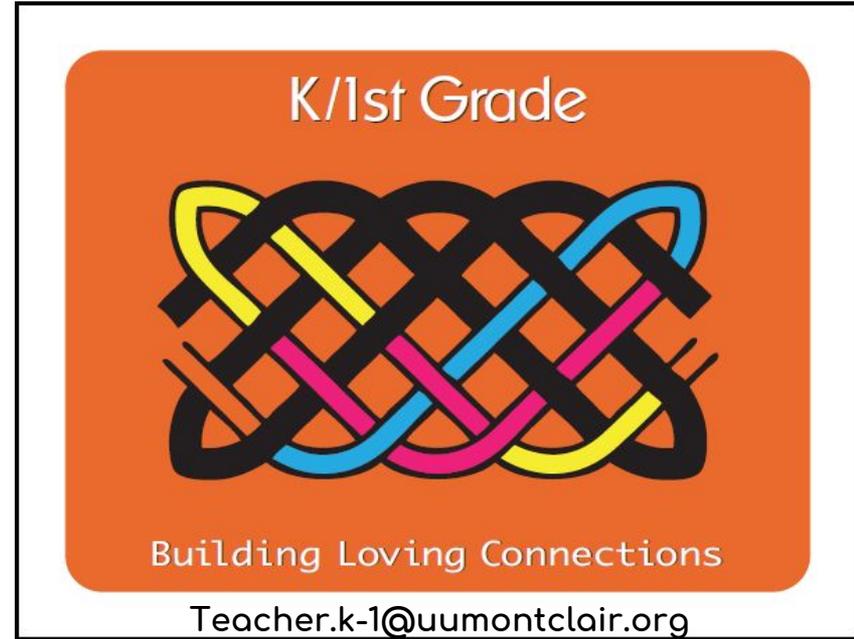
Kindergarten/1st Grade: CREATING HOME, WONDERFUL WELCOME, & OWL

(at 9:30 and 11:15 depending on enrollment)

LOCATION: Basement, William Ellery Channing

Creating Home helps children develop a sense of home and belonging in our UU congregation that is grounded in faith. *Creating Home* uses wisdom tales from many religious traditions and includes fun activities, humor and play. *Wonderful Welcome* engages and challenges leaders and children alike to explore how and why we are willing to welcome others into our lives. The goals are to develop children's sense of belonging and create a shared atmosphere of reverence, awe, gratitude and wonder.

OWL Our Whole Lives (OWL), is an optional lifespan curriculum focusing on sexuality education in the context of a values and spiritual community. Participants will read "What's the Big Secret?" by Laurie Krasny Brown. Each session includes a homework activity for parents and children to complete together. *At least one parent and their Kindergarten/ First grader must attend the parent/child orientation that begins the program.



2nd/3rd Grade MORAL TALES & TIMELESS THEMES

(at 9:30 and 11:15 depending on enrollment)

LOCATION: Rotunda

Moral Tales has three themes, looking for truth and justice, to act with love in relationships with each other and the earth, and to bring goodness and justice into the world. Participants will begin to build a personal moral compass. Their exploration of goodness and justice will ground participants in UU ethical beliefs, moral values and spiritual practices that cannot only transform the individual, but the world as well.

Timeless Themes introduces children to the classic Hebrew and Christian stories with the enduring themes of transcendent power, human responsibility, love of freedom, speaking out against injustice, respect for the beliefs of others, love of one's neighbors and forgiveness. The goals for the participants are to become familiar with some of the best-known stories in biblical literature, to feel connected with the ancient writers by exploring such universal human themes as jealousy, forgiveness and healing, and to develop UU values.



4th/5th Grade: Bibleodeon

(at 9:30 and 11:15 depending on enrollment)
Location: A5, the Purple Room

Bibleodeon introduces our youth to Hebrew and Christian scriptures by presenting the best-known stories from these traditions with engaging and interactive lesson. The goals are for the children to become familiar with a range of well-known Bible stories, know how to find their way around the Bible, and have a basic understanding of the Bible's history and power.



6th/7th Grade: COMPASS POINTS, A PLACE OF WHOLENESS & BE THE CHANGE!

(at 9:30 and 11:15 depending on enrollment)

LOCATION: Judy Tomlinson Room

Compass Points leads its adolescent participants on a spiritual journey during which they will have opportunities to sort out their feelings about themselves and their world, discover what they believe about life's big questions, think independently, explore values and adopt the practice of radical hospitality.

A Place of Wholeness is an opportunity for youth to examine their faith journeys and to better understand themselves in the context of Unitarian Universalism. Every workshop begins with the same opening reading, the last lines of which are: "We are part of this living tradition. Through it we become whole, and through us it becomes whole." Wholeness—the primary theme of the program—is defined as the way in which our Unitarian Universalist "outsides" match our Unitarian Universalist "insides" by understanding, professing, and living our faith.

the *Be The Change!* Project, offers Unitarian Universalist youth a starting place for discussions about the role of race, identity and justice in living out their faith.



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Exploring Beliefs, Discovering Our Voice

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8th grade: Heeding The Call & Our Whole Lives (OWL)

(due to programming times Heeding The Call starts at 11:15 and OWL starts at 10:45)

LOCATION: Mortenson Room

Heeding The Call offers a unique opportunity to engage youth in the critical work of developing skills as Unitarian Universalists committed to social justice. The sessions encourage youth to reflect on their own lives while also making connections to the lives lived by others. The approach increases the student's self-awareness while also developing leadership skills.

Our Whole Lives (OWL): as we all face the challenge of creating an environment that supports and nurtures sexual health we offer young people a needed sexuality education program that models and teaches caring, compassion, respect, and justice. Unlike many other sexuality curricula OWL is comprehensive and progressive. In an inclusive and developmentally appropriate way it addresses a full range of sensitive topics typically excluded from most sexuality curricula.



Coming of Age (9th Grade)

(starts at 11:15 only)

LOCATION: Peierls Room

As youth prepare to leave childhood, we seek to honor this transition through the Coming of Age program. Youth will engage in social action projects, explore theology, spirituality and history through discussion, drama, music, writing and art. This program will help youth to define their beliefs and put their faith into action.

From September through November, the goals are for the youth to become familiar with Unitarian Universalist history and heritage and to make that history and heritage come alive in today's world and in the lives of the participants: for them to understand our UU Principles intellectually and spiritually by putting the Principles to work in their lives, the congregation, and the community, and for them to claim and grow their UU identity. Then from December through May, after 14 or 15 years of watching, learning and living, our 9th graders have an intensive four months in which to bring their spiritual and religious life experience to the conscious level.



Senior Youth Group: 10th -12th Grades, (10:30 – 12:00)

LOCATION: Samantha Smith Room

The Senior Youth with the support of their adult advisors, design their own program. Within the basic framework of a well-balanced program of learning, worship, community building, social justice and leadership development and the limits of adult energy. As they plan and engage in their activities they ask: Will it build community? Will it deepen my spirituality? Will it help me or others grow and become more competent as we live in the world around us? The goal of this program is youth empowerment within the context of a supportive and values-based religious community. As our youth become young adults we want their experiences in Senior. Youth to prepare them for a life-long connection with Unitarian Universalism.



Other Ways To Get Involved:

Substitute and try out all the classes
Become a Coming of Age Mentor
Special Events Coordinator/Volunteer
Be a Team Coordinator
Join the Religious Education Committee

Special Events:

Halloween/Dia De Los Muertos: (October 28th)
Holiday craft workshop (December 2nd)
Winter Holiday Pageant: (Nov -Dec)
(We need writers and directors)
Solstice Celebration: (December 16th)
Kwanzaa (December 30st)
Undoing Racism Day: (January 27th)
Blue Jean Sunday: (April 21st)
Classroom Community Building Events

