

## UUFWC Religious Education for Children and Youth 2020-21

*Minds that think, Hearts that love, and Hands that are willing to serve*

We are beginning a year like no other in UUFWC RE. *Due to the pandemic we are currently only meeting online or occasionally outdoors and distanced based upon public health conditions and in accordance with the Fellowship's in-person meeting guidelines.*

As Covid-19 makes it hard for us to connect with each other, it's so important to make sure our RE programming focuses on nurturing the key relational networks that nourish and support our children. All of our resources will be curated and designed for online use with attention to developing and maintaining relationships and interactive not passive engagement.

### AREAS OF EXPLORATION

**UUPop** is designed specifically for parents of preschoolers ages 2 to 5. It is self-paced with monthly parent check-ins via Zoom. Each week there is a very short (3 minute) video about the week's focus and a guided exercise.

**Theme-based ministry** helps create multigenerational connections as people of all ages explore common themes monthly in worship and in RE at all ages and stages. These age-appropriate approaches extend faith development beyond Sunday morning. Families can continue the conversation in the car or over the dinner table with home based resources from the weekly newsletter.

**Earth Spirits (K-2<sup>nd</sup>) & Extra Extreme Explorers (3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>)** will meet separately to explore the theme with stories, experience-based learning activities, songs, mindfulness practices, games, craft, skits,& videos. A rich packet of home resources will come home each week via email. Every other month there will be a session focused on anti-racism through the lens of the monthly theme.

**Crossing Paths (6-9<sup>th</sup>)** is a world religions program designed to deepen youth's understanding of the dynamic, fascinating, and varied world in which they live. It provides youth a unique opportunity to explore world religions in a safe, affirming atmosphere grounded in Unitarian Universalism.

**Changemakers (9-12<sup>th</sup>)** This social justice focused group is meeting to explore and discuss anti-racism with the book, *This Book is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on how to Wake-Up, Take Action, and Do the Work* by Tiffany Jewell and Aurelia Durand

**Youth Community (7-12<sup>th</sup>)** Any member of Youth Community is invited to gather and connect with each other once per month. This will be time for community, planning, and social justice work throughout the year.

### MONTHLY THEMES

Sept – Renewal	Feb – Beloved Community
Oct – Deep Listening	Mar – Commitment
Nov – Healing	April – Becoming
Dec – Stillness	May – Story
Jan – Imagination	June – Play



## 2020-21 RE Calendar

All worships, meetings, and RE sessions will be conducted via Zoom for the time being until public health conditions allow for in-person meetings.

### AUGUST

30—Water Communion—All-ages

### SEPTEMBER

6—Animal Blessing—All-ages

13—RE Dedication in Worship—All-ages; First Day of RE!!!

27—Youth Community

### OCTOBER

25—Youth Community

### NOVEMBER

21—RE Start up, Visioning and Planning

22—RE Start up Worship, All-ages

### DECEMBER

6—Pageant Recording 2pm

13—UU Nativity Pageant, All-ages, NO RE

24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm

27—Fun and Game Day RE for All-ages



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RE sessions for Earth Spirits and Extra Extreme Explorers (EEE) will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning of each month. We gather via Zoom from 8:55 to 9:45am

Crossing Paths will meet 3-4 Sundays per month at 10:00. See the Youth Community Weekly Newsletter for specific dates.

Changemakers meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning of each month. We gather via Zoom from 11:15am to 12:15pm

## COMMUNICATION

Recognizing that parents and caretakers are children's primary religious educators, we want to support your family in having meaningful conversations throughout the week. During the RE year, registered caregivers will receive a weekly email designed to let you know what was discussed in RE sessions and ways to incorporate the lesson into family activities in the week ahead. RE program information is also always included in the monthly UUFWC Newsletter and on the Fellowship calendar.

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