

Our Vision

We practice and strive toward creating a loving and joyful educational environment where children and youth are supported in their spiritual, emotional, and intellectual growth. We believe that children should feel secure in their community, but also be open to difference and wonder. They should find strength in their beliefs, but develop them thoughtfully, based on sustained engagement with important topics.



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General Information

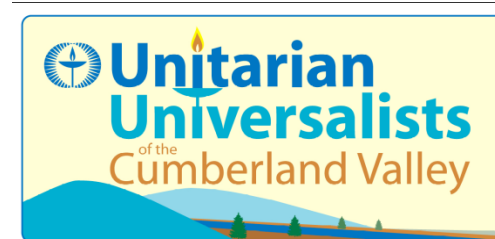
At 10:30 am children and youth are invited to attend the beginning portion of the service in the main sanctuary before proceeding with designated adults to their respective classrooms. Religious education classes end when the service ends at 11:30. While middle and high school students will make their own way up to the social hall afterwards for refreshments and conversation, we do ask that families with younger children go downstairs to pick up their children. We do require registration in order to provide all children with a safe and well-planned experience.

Nursery care is also provided for children four and under. Older children must attend the appropriate level of RE class in order to ensure the safety of our littlest children. A nursery caregiver is present downstairs in the nursery beginning at 10:15 and ending immediately after the service. For the safety of the children in our care we ask that all parents sign their children in and out when they visit the nursery, and that first-time visitors fill out a brief registration form.



Religious Education Program Guide

2011/2012



For Children and Youth

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What is Unitarian Universalist Religious Education?

Our RE programs aim to nurture the concept of the goodness, worth and dignity of every person; the value of diversity of thought; and the validity of a variety of religious beliefs. The curriculum is designed to give our children and youth the resources to begin to find their own answers to life's questions, to provide them with tools to build their own theology, and to develop the tolerance of ambiguity that is characteristic of mature persons.

We believe:

- that each and every person is important.
- that all people should be treated fairly and kindly.
- we should accept one another and keep on learning together.
- that each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life.
- that everyone should have a vote about the things that concern them. in working for a peaceful, fair, and free world. in caring for our planet earth, the home we share with all living things.



Our Sunday Programs

For Infants and Toddlers

Every Sunday, high quality care is available during services for very young children. Our caregiver provides age appropriate activities and nurturing play.

For Young Children

For children in kindergarten through fourth grade, we use a curriculum called "Spirit of Adventure." This fun, actively-engaging program nurtures children's understanding of what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist.

For Middle School

We run this program as a small group ministry, developing the spirituality of our middle schoolers through the tools of deep listening and personalized consideration of those issues most relevant to their lives.

For High School

A weekly youth group meeting brings together our teens and adults to discuss timely and important topics.

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Special Programs

Youth Group

Our youth group for high school- age teens conducts many fun and meaningful activities, including service projects and the famous monthly open-mic night.

Our Whole Lives

Our Whole Lives helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, Our Whole Lives provides not only facts about anatomy and human development, but helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality.

Coming of Age

With the Coming of Age program we emphasize Unitarian Universalist identity and history and we introduce the children to the ways that adults function in the church. Our goal is to help the children become more conversant with their own faith.

Family Fun

We organize fun opportunities for people of all ages to get to know each other in a social context. These will be posted in the previews and the newsletters.