

All Souls Child & Youth Faith Formation 2019-2020

From Nursery through High School

Infant and Toddler Childcare - 9:30 AM

We offer child/nursery care for children under 3 years of age. Two adults, typically one staff person and one volunteer, are present with the children for supervised play. Should you need a private place to be with your infant or toddler during the worship service, please use the Calming Room located just across from the nursery outside Unity Hall. You can listen to and see the service in this soundproofed room.

Pre-K / Kindergarten: “Spirit Play” - 9:30 AM

This year, in our youngest learning community, we will explore matters of the spirit and heart through Spirit Play. Based on the Montessori teaching method, Spirit Play is ritualized storytelling that uses colorful objects and symbols to share tales that speak to our Unitarian Universalist principles, followed by open-ended “wondering questions” that plant the seeds of spiritual development. After the story, the children play out the theme of the day at various activity stations, such as blocks and manipulatives, arts and crafts, dress up and imaginative role play, and retelling the story. Snack time allows for sharing and connecting with friends.



1st-3rd Grade: “Faithful Journeys” - 9:30 AM

“Faithful Journeys” is a Unitarian Universalist Tapestry of Faith curriculum. As a creedless faith, defining UUism can be tricky for young children, and this curriculum helps to ground children in who UU’s are, what we believe and how we live. “Faithful Journeys” is centered around the 7 UU principles. By presenting past and current examples of individuals and their UU faith in action, the class will explore how UUism influences life choices and everyday actions. Children will also have opportunities to share their own stories of faithful action. Week to week the class will work together to create a Faith Journeys Path (mural). They will engage their minds, spirits, and bodies with “Move It!” activities, games, and projects. Youngsters will have fun on this path.

4th-6th Grade: “Bibleodeon” & “Our Whole Lives”- 9:30 AM

This class will explore Hebrew and Christian scriptures, dramatizing some of the best-known Bible stories through theatrical play, TV reporting, building structures, and other fun projects. The stories selected are intended to inform participants of the Biblical roots of Judaism and Christianity. We will explore the Bible as a religious text that is one of a number of UU sources of wisdom. We look for the “truth” the children find in these religious stories, without focusing on whether they are historically accurate or literally true. For the final six weeks of the year, we will teach the “Our Whole Lives” (OWL) sexuality and faith curriculum to this class. Following a parent meeting and parent/child orientation, class sessions will discuss topics such as relationship values, healthy bodies, communication, and decision-making.



