

CUUC's 07-08 curriculum for our intermediate grades 3-4-5

Last year, the focus of all religious education lessons was on Social Justice and living our 7 UU principles. Next year, our focus will shift to UU history and identity. Using this three-year rotation, we now start the year of World Religions and Theology. The lessons listed below are based on the UU curriculum **A Stepping Stone Year** which explores (on the level of 3-4-5th graders) many commonalities in: a) various ancient and modern creation stories, b) the birth stories of major religious leaders, c) various sacred books and d) how various religious paths look at issues like life and death.

Once a month we bring all our children together in one large group for a Community Building Sunday. This allows the children to get to know each other better and to experience a common focus together. Lygia Garrick and Joan Bradt are the adult coordinators. We also feature a monthly family event. Please see our newsletter for current information on these activities

A commitment to attend on a regular basis will allow your child to get the most out of our entire Religious Education Program. Feedback and parental involvement as a support person and/or teacher are always welcome. Please feel free to contact Ruth Cowger, director of Religious Education or Jane Wiater, Assistant Director of Children's Religious Education.

September

2: Family Event: Lakeside Amusement Park after church

- 9 Community Building #1: Getting to know each other/an overview of the year
- 16 Class #1 What is a Myth? A Creation myth from the Kalahari Bushmen
- 23 Class #2 A Native American Creation Myth
- 30 Class #3 Creation Myths from the Greeks

October

- 7 Community Building #2: Making Sun-catchers for our church auction
- 14 Field trip for 3-4-5th graders to our Labyrinth
- 21 Class #4: The Hebrew Creation Story
- 27 FAMILY EVENT: Visit to Pumpkin farm**
- 28 Class #5 Myan, Aztec and Inca Creation Stories
- 28th FAMILY POT LUCK after church and PUMPKIN CARVING**
Start Book drive for Ft. Logan

November

- 4 Class # 6 The Haida Indian Creation Myth
- 11 Class #7-8 What Scientists and Astronomers s about Creation
- 18 FAMILY THANKSGIVING SERVICE- No class
Kids give out GUEST at your TABLE boxes
- 25 Community Building #3 Immigrants celebrating Thanksgiving
Collect Books- end drive for Ft Logan
- 25 FAMILY EVENT after church: Fall hike**

December

- 2 Class # 9 The Birth and life of Mohammed
- 9 Class #10: The Birth and life of Buddha
- 15 FAMILY EVENT: Boxborough walk to Perce House for cider**
- 16 Class #11: The Birth and life of Jesus
- 23 Party Time: Celebrating Christmas and Chanukah
- 30 Community Building # 4: Preparing for a New Year

January

- 8 Questions about life and death: What Buddha would say
Kids collect GUEST at your TABLE boxes
- 13 Class #13 Questions about life and Death: What Native Americans say
- 13 FAMILY EVENT after church: Ice Skating at Evergreen Lake**
- 20 Community Building #5 A Visit from the Therapy Dogs
Introduce "Secret Pals" for Valentines
- 27 Class #14:-15 Questions about Life and Death: What the Hebrews say
What Jesus would say

February

- 3 Family Worship Service- no class
- 10 STONE SOUP and Biscuits made by grades 3-4-5
- 17 Community Building #6 Celebrating Chinese New Year
- 17 FAMILY EVENT after church: Glow Golf at Southwest Plaza Mall
- 24 Class #16: What's a Good Samaritan? What's the Golden Rule?

March

- 2 Class # 17 Looking at Sacred Books: the Bible- What is in it?
- 9 Class #18: The Story of Passover
- 16 Class #19: Events in the Last Week of Jesus Life
- 23 Community Building # 7: Celebrating Passover
- 30 Class #20: Looking at Sacred Books- What is in the Koran?
- FAMILY EVENT: Star Gazing at DU Observatory: Date TBA

April

- 6 Class # 21 Other ways to look at creation: What Rocks tell us
- 13 Class #22 Other ways to look at Creation: What bones tell us
- 20 Class #23 It's a Goldilocks Universe
- 27 Community Building # 8: Celebrating Earth Day

FAMILY EVENT: TBA

May

4 Class #24: What did Charles Darwin say about Creation?

11 Class #25: What does your own body tell you about Creation: Genetics!

18 Affirmation Sunday- A Lifespan Intergenerational Worship Service
celebrating US

25 Community Building #9: A party with our pets: Blessing of the Animals

FAMILY EVENT: TBA