

2013-2014 Children's Religious Education Classes

9:30 Service:

2- and 3-year-olds: Celebrate! Class
pre-K and kindergartners: Spirit Play
1st through 3rd grade: Explorers I
4th through 6th grade: Explorers II

11:30 service

Children through kindergarten: Celebrate! Class and
structured play
1st through 3rd grade: Explorers I
4th through 6th grade: Explorers II

Class descriptions:

Celebrate! (2- and 3-year-olds)

This class introduces the concepts of worship and fellowship to our 2- and 3-year-olds. Each session begins with a brief worship (church play), followed by a short lesson from the “Celebrating Me and My World” curriculum and time for fellowship and supervised play. (Room 2)

Spirit Play (Pre-K and Kindergarten students)

Spirit Play is a Montessori-based curriculum which begins with an opening circle and centers around a manipulative-based story, followed by class response time. The children are given an opportunity to explore the story through the use of hands-on supplies available in the classroom. (Room 7)

Explorers I and II (1st through 6th grade students)

Children further explore the story shared during the worship service. Explorers I and II share a common curriculum containing a variety of activities, crafts, discussion and play, which the teachers and the DFD tailor to the age, maturity and learning styles present in each classroom.

1st through 3rd grade: Room 3

4th through 6th grade: Room 10 (upstairs)

Children’s Chapel: Children’s Chapel is held in Room 10 (upstairs) once a month during both services for children in kindergarten through 6th grade.

2013-2014 Youth Programming

Junior High

Students are invited to remain in worship during the 9:30 service. During the 11:30 service, we offer Northwoods' Coming of Age program. Participants explore theology, spirituality, history and other topics through discussion, drama, music, writing and art. This curriculum is supplemented with additional Coming of Age program activities throughout the year for eighth-grade students concluding in the Bridging rite of passage at the end of the year. Classes are held in the Garden Room.

High School

Students are invited to remain in worship during the 9:30 service. During the 10:30 hour, teens will have religious education classes in the Teen Room (upstairs). This year, this class will be using the curriculum, “A Place of Wholeness.” At 11:30, high school teens enjoy fellowship and meet in their weekly YRUU gathering, also in the Teen Room.

About the curriculum: A Place of Wholeness offers an opportunity for youth to examine their faith journeys to better understand themselves in the context of Unitarian Universalism. There are several overarching themes that structure this program. 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. Wholeness is also important in the sense that each person is integral to the wholeness of the Unitarian Universalist community.

More than just Sundays...

Throughout the year, there will be opportunities for fellowship and service outside the Sunday morning experience. These will include congregation-wide events, multigenerational service opportunities, outings, lock-ins, youth rallies, summer camp and more! Stay tuned for a full events calendar.