

# SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

We offer classes during both our 9:30 and 11:00 am Sunday services. At the 9:30 am service there are classes from preschool through 6th grade, and at the 11:00 am service there are preschool through Senior High classes. Classes at both services run concurrently with the service. Every Sunday at both 9:30 and 11:00 am children up to 6th grade attend the first part of the service with their families and are dismissed to class after 15-20 minutes.

The Children and Youth Ministries office is the first room on the left in the Mason Wing. Jennifer Halperin, Director of Ministries with Children and Youth, and Jennifer Parsons, Religious Education Administrative Assistant, are available on Sunday mornings. Our teaching staff, with the exception of the nursery caregivers, are all volunteers. Some are veteran teachers, and some are newcomers. They are enthusiastic, dedicated, and especially appreciated by all. *Please consider joining a Religious Education team as either a teacher or assistant.*

## CLASSES AND CURRICULA FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

2009–2010 Theme: Social Justice and Stewardship of the Earth

**PRESCHOOL (3-5 year-olds) - 9:30 am**

**PRESCHOOL (3-5 year-olds) - 11:00 am**

**Gandhi Room**

***We Are Many, We Are One***

This curriculum encourages young children to play and work cooperatively, to appreciate how we are all alike yet different, to view nature as a gift that needs our care and to celebrate different religions and cultures of the world.

**LOWER ELEMENTARY – Eliot Room**

**(K – 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADES) – 9:30 am**

**(K – 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADES) – 11:00 am**

***Rainbow Children and Experiences with the Web of Life***

*Rainbow Children*, is an anti-bias, pro-diversity curriculum that addresses racial and ethnic prejudice. *Experiences with the Web of Life* is a nature based curriculum that focuses on wonder and stewardship, introducing children to the UU Principle of “respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.”

**MIDDLE ELEMENTARY – High School Room**

**(3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> GRADES) - 9:30 am only**

### ***Worth and Dignity; Starting Small; and Sound of Nature***

*Worth and Dignity* helps children value diversity and develop empathy for people who are different from themselves through trust building exercises, understanding people with disabilities, understanding stereotypes. *Starting Small* addresses social issues like housing, hunger, homelessness and poverty with the goal of starting a community project for children in poverty. In the Spring, the *Sound of Nature* curriculum aims to develop appreciation and wonder for nature.

### **UPPER ELEMENTARY – Junior High Room**

**(5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> GRADES) - 9:30 am**

#### ***Windows and Mirrors* and *Amazing Grace***

These are two new curricula from the UUA's Tapestry of Faith series for lifespan faith development. They can be found online at [uua.org/tapestryoffaith](http://uua.org/tapestryoffaith).

*Windows and Mirrors* is a multicultural appreciation curriculum, nurturing children's ability to acknowledge their own experiences and to seek out, care about and respect those of others. *Amazing Grace* guides younger youth through ways to determine right from wrong and how to act on their new understanding.

**(3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> GRADES) - 11:00 am**

#### ***Toolbox of Faith* and *Mirrors and Windows***

*Toolbox of Faith* invites participants to reflect on qualities of our faith, such as integrity, courage and love, as tools they can use in living their lives and building their own faith.

*Mirrors and Window* is a multicultural appreciation curriculum, nurturing children's ability to acknowledge their own experiences and to seek out, care about and respect those of others.

### **JUNIOR HIGH – Priestley Room**

**(6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> GRADES) – 11:00 am only**

#### ***Amazing Grace with Compass Points***

*Amazing Grace* is a new UU curriculum that guides younger youth through ways to determine right from wrong and act on their new understanding. It will be supplemented by *Compass Points*, which facilitates exploration of themselves, the UU faith, and their relationships with others and the world.

### **HIGH SCHOOL – Senior High Room**

**(9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> GRADES) – 11:00 am only**

Senior High students will participate in multicultural small group ministry and will explore theme-based ministry [www.themebasedministry.org](http://www.themebasedministry.org).