

Upcoming Events

SUN, September 06
INTERGENERATIONAL

SAT, September 12, 2009
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Teacher Orientation, 212

SUN, September 13, 2009
INTERGENERATIONAL
Water Communion
9:00 am RE Committee Mtg

FRI, September 18, 2009
COA Opening Ceremony
6 – 8 pm Community Room

SAT, September 19, 2009
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
RE Work Party
10:00 am – 12:00 pm Drumming
Workshop, CR.

SUN, September 20, 2009
INTERGENERATIONAL

SAT, September 26, 2009
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Five Wishes Workshop

SUN, September 27, 2009
10:45 am First RE CLASS

DRE NEWS

By: Tara M. Zrinski; Director of Life Span Religious Education

RE is moving forward this year with the help of volunteers. I want to thank Salli Marr and Phil DePietro for copying curriculum in the office and folding the various brochures to promote the Religious Education Program at the UUCLV. I also want to make sure I thank the RE Co-chairs, Lynne Zipprodt and Judy Claps for the extra hours of organizational work that they have put in behind the scenes. Of course, I also need to thank Lynne Zipprodt, as well as Cleveland Wall, for organizing supplies.

While the RE Committee and I are working to prepare for the upcoming RE year, I want to emphasize that the RE Program is not just for children and youth. The ARE Committee and I have a wonderful arc of events, courses and workshops planned. Please pick up a prospectus at the RE Table so that you can participate in the wide variety of programming that includes theology, faith development and spiritual formation.

As many of you already know, the DRE hours have been reduced to meet alternate staffing needs in the overall growth of the church. While I think that we have both a strong and capable RE and ARE committee, I would welcome anyone who wishes to volunteer their time and talent to keep the program moving forward. We have had increasing success in the development of this program and we want to keep it growing. There are many ways that you can help in both programs, please stop by the RE Table to find out more about ways in which you can participate.

RE FALL/SPRING REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 30!

FALL RE begins Sunday September 27th, 2009

Pre K – Kindergarten: UU Alphabet; *this program introduces the child to Unitarian Universalism through stories of important people in our faith heritage and in their own church environment, and the Unitarian Universalist Principles as well as attention to the diversity and multi-cultural perspectives of the faith community.*

1st – 2nd Grade: Peaceful Classroom; *this curricula works from the premise that peace can be achieved through individual effort and commitment to nonviolence. Your children will learn the skills of peacemaking through conflict resolution, communication, and cooperation. through opportunities exploring the similarities and differences in customs, attitudes, and policies of other nations.*

3rd – 4th Grade: Jesus and His Kingdom of Equals; *introduces students to an interpretation of the historical Jesus based on contemporary biblical research, principally from the Jesus Seminar, experiencing an unfolding narrative of a Jewish reformer who saw through the hypocrisy and elitism of first-century Roman Palestine..*

5th – 6th Grade: Neighboring Faiths; *will explore history and development of different faith traditions.*

Participants plan their own program by choosing which religious groups to learn about, visit and relate to their own growing faith. The class will be hosting guests, visiting other faiths, creating worship experiences and more.

7th – 9th Grade: Deepening Ties with the Congregation in a Coming of Age Year; *includes mentoring experience, faith exploration and a trip to BOSTON!*

Sr. High: Weaving the Fabric of Diversity; *Take stock of the "isms" that may be holding you back from embracing diversity: racism, heterosexism, ableism, classism and ageism. 8 sessions offer learning strategies for increasing diversity in your congregation. Contains case studies, small group activities, light and often humorous exercises and worship and interactive activities.*

LET US MAKE
THE
JOURNEY
TOGETHER
IN THE
COOPERATIVE
CHURCH
SCHOOL!

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ARE TEACHERS
NEEDED FOR

- Build Your Own Theology I (October, 6 weeks)
- Lessons in Loss (October, 6 weeks)

Please contact Tara if you are interested in facilitating any of these course....



We're on the Web!
<http://www.uucvpa.org>

COURSES FOR ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIVE WISHES WORKSHOP: SEPTEMBER 26, 2009, 10:00 A.M. — 12:00 P.M. COMMUNITY ROOM. FACILITATED BY REV. NANCY. *Five Wishes* lets your family and doctors know who you want to make health care decisions for you when you can't make them, the kind of medical treatment you want or don't want, and what you want your loved ones to know in the event of serious illness or injury. Learn more about how you can issue that your wishes are kept through this informative workshop. \$5 Materials Fee. Contact: *Rev. Nancy Bouchard (minister@uucvpa.org)*.

DRUMMING CIRCLE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, NOVEMBER 21, JANUARY 23, MARCH 20 & MAY 16. 10:00 A.M. — 12:00 P.M. COMMUNITY ROOM. FACILITATED BY MOE JERANT. Join Moe of Lehigh Valley Drumming Circle drumming for another session of drumming for relieve stress. Reserve your drum and seat before the session as seats fill quickly. \$10 Facilitation Fee. Contact: *Tara M. Zrinski (dre@uucvpa.org)*.

SLEEPY TIME YOGA. MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, NOVEMBER 9, DECEMBER 7, AND JANUARY 4. 9:00 P.M. — 10:00 P.M. COMMUNITY ROOM. Facilitated by

BROWN BAG BOOK
DISCUSSION &
EXPLORATION OF
BUDDHISM

Thursdays, September 3 & 17
11:00 am - 1:00 pm, FM Kitchen

Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship
First and Third Sundays
12 - 3 pm RE Library

This Month's Meeting
Sept 20 Bibliodrama with Rev. Nancy
Oct 4 St. Paul Corinthians 1 & 2
Oct 18 St. Paul Continued

CONTACT BILL BEKKENHUIS
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(610) 865 - 5523 or bbekkenhuis@fast.net

Zen Buddhist Sangha
Monday's 7 - 9 pm

Meditation, Dharma Talk and Tea

Led by Rev. Beth Songer

For more information call:
Rev. Beth: (610) 509 - 1381



Our Whole Lives Teacher
Training
Combined Teacher Training 7-
9/10-12

Date: September 25 - 27, 2009
Trainers: Bobbie and Chris Nelson
Location: First Unitarian Church of
Wilmington, 730 Halstead Rd.
Wilmington, DE 19803

Registration Fee: \$225 (the RE
Committee will sponsor cost of first
2 applicants), cost of lodging is the
responsibility of the attendee.