

## Family Worship

On the first Wednesday evening of each month, we offer a meal and worship service designed for families and people of all ages. Dinner (provided, including a vegan option) will be served from 5:30pm to 6pm, and the worship service is held from 6:15pm to 6:45pm. Clean up is done family-style! You are welcome to join us whenever you are able.

## Intergenerational Worship

A few times each year children are encouraged to join us for a fun interactive worship service led by Rev. Emily Manvel Leite; Sunday morning RE classes are canceled. Please join us for these opportunities to worship together as one community.

## Children's Choir

All kindergarteners through eighth graders are encouraged to join our Children's Choir. Children will acquire new skills, learn a varied repertoire of music, and perform during a few services a year. Rehearsals occur only when scheduled; please check the Prologue or contact the Children's Choir Director, Jill Courtney at [jcourtne@mccsc.edu](mailto:jcourtne@mccsc.edu)

## Adult Religious Education

Many of the Adult Religious Education classes may be of interest to parents, and some of them are designed for them. Please check the Adult RE Prospectus for the current offerings.

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## Religious Education

*RE for Children and  
Youth*

## Prospectus Fall 2009

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The members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington welcome people of all ages to our congregation. We offer many programs for children, families and youth.

## Children's Moment

Each service begins with a Children's Moment before children are dismissed to their Religious Education (RE) classes. Children may also attend the full service with their parents.

## Sunday Morning Classes

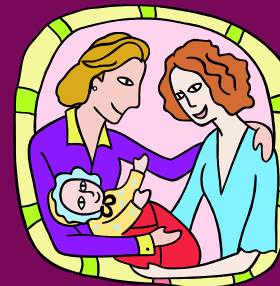
The core of our religious education program for children and youth is our Sunday morning program, visitors are always welcome. Classes are held during both Sunday morning services for infants through sixth graders. In addition, there is programming for seventh through ninth graders during the second service. Brief class descriptions follow.

Feel free to accompany your child to their classroom and meet their teachers before returning to service. RE classes end at 10:15am and 12:30pm.

## Infant and Toddler Care

We love babies!! Parents with babies have several options on Sunday morning.

- Babies (and other children!) are welcome to stay with their parent(s) in the service. Out of respect for people who have difficulty hearing, we ask families to sit in the 'family section' on the right hand side of the Meeting Room.
- Child care is available for all ages every Sunday in RM 108. Our trained, experienced child care staff love to read stories and do crafts as well as play.
- RM 104 is a cuddle room that allows infants to be rocked or fed while their parents watch the service live on TV. There are also toys for toddlers here.



# RE Classes Fall 2009

## Celebrating Me and My World

Preschool classes:

9:15am and 11:15am

RM 103

Through fun stories and activities children ages 3-5 will be introduced to our religious community and its traditions. This class encourages children to develop positive self esteem and to explore their connection to nature. Children ages three and up are welcome to join the preschool class when families feel they are ready for a little structure on Sunday mornings.

## Picture Book World Religions

9:15 am Kindergarten-2nd grade

11:15am Kindergarten-1st grade

RM 105

Each week children in this class will explore world religions through picture books and activities. Children will learn about Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam and what values UUs share with other faiths. During the spring the curriculum will be *Experiences with the Web of Life*.

## Super Heroes Bible People

9:15am Third-Sixth Grade

11:15am Second and Third Grade

RM 210

This values-based curriculum for Unitarian Universalist children introduces them to great stories from the Bible. Stories about heroes like Moses and Miriam, Queen Esther, King David and Jesus will be taught through drama, games and song. This class will learn about UU Super Heroes in the spring.

## Stepping Stones Year

Fourth and Fifth Grade 11:15

RM 208

Children are invited to explore religious questions through science, myth, UU traditions and other sources. Topics include creation myths, stories scientists tell, Buddha's birth story and the lives of famous UUs like Clara Barton and Bela Bartok. Participants are encouraged to form their own conclusions about religious questions like "Why are we here?".



## YUUMS

Sixth and Seven Grade

11:15am, RM 212

Young Unitarian Universalist Middle Schoolers (YUUMS) are invited to join us on Sunday mornings to form friendships, learn about themselves and ex-

plore beliefs. Social activities, such as lock-ins, and social justice projects will sometimes occur outside of Sunday morning. *UU Action* and *How Can I Know What to Believe* curriculum will be utilized. There will be lots of time to relax, hang out and have fun.

## Neighboring Faiths Coming of Age

Eighth and Ninth Grade 11:15am

RM 112

Youth in Neighboring Faiths have the opportunity to learn about other religious traditions and to go on field trips to experience worship services at other churches, the Synagogue and the Islamic Center, etc. In Coming of Age youth are matched with an adult mentor to support them as they transition to adulthood and reflect upon their own spiritual beliefs. This group will also have a social fun time each month.

## YRUU

(Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) is our senior high group for youth grades 9th-12th. They meet on Sunday evenings for fun, food and fellowship. They develop their own programming in consultation with their advisers and the religious educators.

Please contact us for further details about our youth programs.

## OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL)

### Sexuality Education

We regularly offer developmentally appropriate sexuality education courses for children and youth at many life stages, including high schoolers and adults. In the fall we plan to offer OWL to first and second graders. The courses are closed once they have begun. If you have questions about the OWL program, please contact one of the religious educators.

### How Can I Help my Child Enjoy Religious Education?

There are several ways you can help your child enjoy our Religious Education program.

- Attending on a regular basis will help your child get to know their teachers and the other children in their class, it will also help them to know what is going on and what to expect.
- Children who have good friends at church want to come to church! Set up a play date with someone in your child's class.
- Get involved and volunteer. We rely on volunteers to make our classes fun and interesting,