

Curriculum and Programs

Infants Through Age Two

Infants are welcome to stay with their parents during service. In the event that your little ones become fidgety and unable to make it through the service, you are welcome to retreat with them into our social hall or nursery/cry room just outside the Sanctuary doors. Changing tables are in both restrooms.

Soul Matters

Soul Matters is a curriculum series shared between congregations in the Unitarian Universalist Association. A web of support and connection that allows congregations to travel a new journey together each month. This year's overarching frame is "**The Gifts of Our Faith**". Each month we will focus on one of nine beloved UU values and explore their potential to shape us and in turn shape our world. Here is a list of monthly themes: Welcome, Heritage, Generosity, Mystery, Liberating Love, Justice & Equity, Transformation, Interdependence and Pluralism

We have classrooms for the following age groups:

Preschool (age 3) through first grade.

Second grade through fifth grade.

Sixth grade and up.

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Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.)

Lifespan sexuality education classes are offered throughout the year on a rotating basis for the following age levels: K-2nd grade, 4th-6th and 7th-10th.

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Weekly Sunday Services:

10:30-11:30 a.m.



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**Unitarian
Universalist Church
Surprise**

2023-2024

*Religious Education
Programs*

*for Children, Youth and
Families*



Service learning opportunity for families at St. Mary's Food Bank

About our Church

The Unitarian Universalist church is a non-denominational, non-doctrine church where ALL people and faith traditions are welcome. Ours is a liberal religion that values the individual spiritual journey and focuses on making the world a better place through deed, service and living out our 7 Principles. Parents seeking a spiritual home for their families are often looking for a community of shared values in which to raise their children. These values are the most important things we teach, but we also give children building blocks to form their own beliefs. In addition to religious education classes, families and children have opportunities to interact with the congregation, take part in social events, family service projects and diverse holiday celebrations throughout the year.

The Sources of Our Faith

Unitarian Universalists find inspiration from six sources. Our worship services, and the stories and lessons we offer in religious education, are drawn from these foundations of our faith:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;



Our chalice, which we light for peace, love, hope and unity

- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.



"The Grinch", a production from the 2019 holiday season

The Seven Principles

The seven principles are a guide of core, ethical concepts for Unitarian Universalists to implement in their everyday lives.

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- 1 The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2 Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3 Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- 4 A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 5 The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- 6 The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7 Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.