



Kate Logvy and Rev. Morgan McLean prepare for Fall.

Religious Exploration Update! September 2017

CHANGES IN WORSHIP

This year the children and youth begin in the Sanctuary for worship every Sunday. You'll notice thoughtful changes in the worship format to make this time together meaningful and engaging. After our Chalice Lighting there might be a story, or we'll learn a new song, or we'll have a special ritual like quilt blessing or child dedication. The children go to the Bridgehouse through the garden doors and can be picked up after 12:30pm.

WELCOME

Kate Logvy has joined the staff as our Religious Exploration Coordinator. Kate lives in Davis with her husband, 3 kids, 1 dog, 2 cats, 3 chickens, and a lizard! She will be the RE point-person most Sundays in the Social Hall and the Bridgehouse, and is available during the week to help teaching teams prepare Sunday lessons, or help answer any questions families might have. She will be in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays, and can be reached by email: re.coordinator@uudavis.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*Do Community Service as a family! Join the UUCD work team at FARM Davis the second Saturday of every month through December, from 10am - 12pm. Bring water, sun protection, and work gloves for a variety of projects for all ages at 25450 County Road 95 in Davis. All food harvested is donated to various local organizations, including Davis Community Meals.

*Animal Blessing, 4pm, Sunday Oct. 1st. Furry, feathered, and scaled animals (or their picture/plush proxy) are encouraged to join their humans for our annual Blessing of the Animals in the Sanctuary.

*The Caring Council invites you to a costume potluck on Friday, Oct. 27th. Join the party in the Social Hall at 6pm for dinner, conversation, and games. Bring a dish, or just your appetite -- there will be plenty!

*Christmas Eve is moving to 4pm! The family-friendly Christmas Eve service, featuring our No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant, will be at 4pm. We'll also have a morning program that Sunday at 11:15am.

THANK YOU

Our summer program in the Bridgehouse features "Summer Stars"—members of the church sharing a new skill, craft, or experience. This summer we had yoga, music, slime, bats, biology, crafts, meditation, geology, and more! Many thanks to Mair Winger, Meghan Kelly, Aimee Crawford, Corky Quirk, Louise Conrad, Grace Range, Amanda Zastrow, Kasia Stepien, Stan Dawson, Hiram Jackson, Helen Thompson, Maria Tebutt, Odessa MacLean, Tracy McCarthy, Ralph Robinson, Alison Skinner, and Susan Coppock!

RE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Nursery & Preschool: Our youngest UUs are welcome in the nursery during (and between) both services. There are a variety of toys and activities, and we'll begin the time with a short story time to engage the preschoolers. Amanda Zastrow, Kyra Labbé-Renault, and Grace Range return as our childcare workers and in the coming months we will be hiring two more.

Kindergarten & 1st Grade will be led by a paid teacher this year. George Myring is a recent UCD graduate who enjoys working with children. They will use two curricula: "Creating Home" which helps children develop a sense of home that is grounded in Unitarian Universalism, and "World of Wonder" which explores the direct experience in nature as essential to children's physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual development. Diane Evans, Mair Winger, and others will volunteer with George through the fall.

Our 2nd-3rd grade class is using two curricula: "Faithful Journeys" which looks at UU stories, ritual, and values; and "Moral Tales" which uses tales of the world's religions for kids to explore their own conscience and relationships with others and the earth. Jill Pickett, Matt Selke, and Lisa Oakes will lead this class.

Our 4th-5th-6th grade is using "Harry and UU" which uses the magical world of Harry Potter as the framework to explore social action and UU values. Kids will make wands and potions while they learn how to use their voices to care for muggles, creatures, and the earth. Lily Roberts, Tiffany Michael, Alison Luck, and Lisa Brittan are the lead witches.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) for junior high is offered this year. Snow Hernandez, Hiram Jackson, Meghan Kelly, Catlyn LeGault, and Jacob Sacks are our volunteer facilitators. With a holistic approach, OWL provides accurate, developmentally appropriate info. about a range of topics, including relationships, gender identity, sexual orientation, sexual health, and cultural influences on sexuality. This year the program will take place in the Cottage during the second service (10:45am–12:45pm) on 16 Sundays + 3 retreats. *(Registration is closed)*

Middle School UU Group (MUUGs) for 7th-8th-9th graders will see Shama Mesiwala and Mark Eschbach return as advisors, and Ginger Gee join them this year. They will continue to meet in the Library to discuss living their values in all aspects of their lives. This year they are integrating "Building Bridges" which encourages interfaith learning and experiences.

UUNIQUE is our Senior High group for 10th—12th graders. They meet in the Cottage from 12:45pm - 2:15pm. Catlyn LeGault is the Youth Coordinator who works with youth and other adult advisors including Jacob Sacks, Jenny Kobald, and Alyssum Maguire, to plan meaningful conversations, small group worship, and fun!