

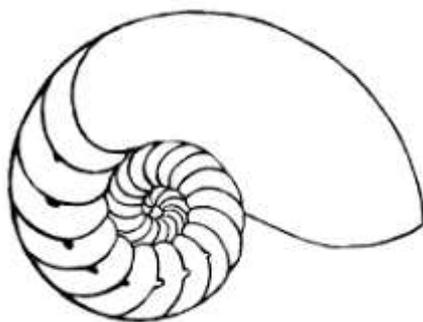
# First Universalist Unitarian Church

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## Lifespan Faith Development

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Fall 2016



*In Latin, the chambered nautilus shell is called spira mirabilis, or the “marvelous spiral.” There is a complex mathematical formula that describes this shape, but in essence it says:*

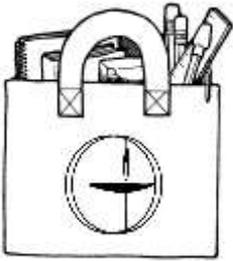
**“Life grows.”**

The Lifespan Faith Development program at First UU Wausau is in the midst of its own growth. We are in the first stage of designing a comprehensive, integrated program that creates the conditions in which people of all ages feel invited to grow in the deep, interior place that we call “soul...”

We sing, light candles, explore new ideas, talk together at meals, serve the community, plant seeds in the community garden, welcome each person who comes through our door, and support those in need. Each and every act is a path to spiritual growth.

We invite you to read more about our programs and consider joining us and growing with us. **In this brochure, you’ll find the Fall 2016 program information for children, youth, and adults.** Additional opportunities may be added. Please watch our church newsletter for updates!

▶ Sunday Mornings —ALL children and youth (except those in OWL & the Nursery) will attend the first part of the service with their parents. After **“Wisdom for All Ages,”** children will be sung out of the Sanctuary and led to their classrooms. If you would also like to have your Nursery-aged children with you in the Sanctuary for the beginning part of the service, you may bring them to the Nursery after **“Wisdom for All Ages.”**



▶ Activity Bags — We will have Activity Bags at the entrance to the Sanctuary for any child who might like one for quiet activities while attending the service. Please return it to the back of the sanctuary as you leave.

Children can learn a great deal simply by being with you for part of the Sunday service, even though **some of it may seem “above their heads.”** Please help your children sing and watch the lighting of the chalice. **(NOTE: Your family can go to the church’s website at [uuwausau.org](http://uuwausau.org) to sign up to light the chalice for the service together.)** Please share your own thoughts and feelings with them about the beauty and importance of what happens in the Sanctuary.

▶ **Class Pick-up Times** —

You can pick up your Nursery-age children any time between the end of the service and 11:45. All other groups will be in session until 11:45.



Please wait until this time to pick up your children from their classrooms so they may finish their lesson.

▶ **Children & Social Hour** — Our congregation is a place where people of all ages can be in caring community. In order to make it safe and enjoyable for everyone, we ask all parents to review these basic, shared commitments with your children:

1. Children should feel free to come to the **Kids' Table in the Atrium** to color, play games, etc.
2. Please walk (no running) after the service.
3. We ask that for now, children stay with family during the Social Hour until the Rec. Room is re-opened with supervision, later this fall.
4. After the service, the Sanctuary and organ loft are closed to children unless they are with an adult.





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- Sunday, Sept. 11: Registration — Following our *Gathering of the Water* service for all ages, families are encouraged to fill out a 2016 Registration Form. (Yes, even if you filled out a form last year, we need a new one this year.) If your child has allergies, please be sure to note this on the form and speak with a member of the teaching team.
  - Sunday, Sept. 18: Classes Begin — This year, ALL children ages 4 and up (except OWL) will start their Sunday in the Sanctuary with their families.
  - **Sunday, Oct. 30: “Gross & Creepy Snack”**  
Halloween Fest — Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.
  - Sunday, Nov. 20: Bread Communion  
NO CLASSES — Children 0–3 may attend the Nursery. All other children are invited to join the adults in the Sanctuary for Bread Communion.
  - Sunday, Dec. 11: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, after the service.
  - Sunday, Dec. 18: Christmas Pageant  
NO CLASSES — Children 0–3 may attend the Nursery. All other children are invited to join the adults in the Sanctuary to view or partake in the Christmas Pageant.

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

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- Nursery — Children from ages birth to 3 years experience safe play and nurturing community with our kind and trusted Nursery staff.



*Year-round Caregivers: Jefferson Le & Elizabeth Le*

- Ages 4–6: Dr. Seuss and Unitarian Universalists — Participants will explore UU Principles using the stories of Dr. Seuss! Each hands-on session explores a different Dr. Seuss story through activity, imagination, play, creativity, movement, discussion and/or games.



- Grades 1–3: *Walking the Rainbow Path: Celebrating All the Colors of Love (year 2)* — Through developmentally appropriate lessons, children learn to understand and engage with the UU Principles. Using stories, games, and activities, children begin to name their own religious / spiritual experiences, and to nurture their ethical growth.



- Grades 4–6: Harry Potter & UU — Through a social action curriculum based on J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter books, participants will use fun wizarding activities as the basis for discussion about values, social action and the seven UU principles. In addition, this group will learn and work on several real world social action projects, referred to as “Horcruxes”.



- Grades 7–8: Our Whole Lives — **OWL is the Unitarian Universalist Association’s** comprehensive sexuality curriculum. OWL equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information on human development, relationships, personal skills, responsible sexual behavior, sexual health and contemporary societal issues. Participants must have parental permission to join the group and parents must attend a parent orientation prior to the first session.

- Grades 9–12: Popcorn Theology— **It’s movie time! Each session uses a** portion of a different popular movie to: examine how the choices we make affect our lives; explore how truth and meaning relate to point of view; consider how our faith can help us understand our questions, seek answers and deal with the trials of life.



Movies with Meaning — Films co-sponsored by First UU Wausau & Move to Amend on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month:



▶ Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m. ***America's Civil Rights Movement: A Time for Justice***—Produced by Charles Guggenheim and offered by the Southern Poverty Law Center, this film has actual footage of the Civil Rights Movement starting in the 1950s through 1965. Not only does it depict the trying times of the Civil Rights Movement, but it helps one understand the frustrations of Blacks and other minorities in today's society.

▶ Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m. *Killing Us Softly*— This film by Jean Kilbourne shows how today's marketing has changed society and how we treat each other. It especially shows how advertising depicts women as sex symbols and how it encourages men to be violent. In this film, Jean Kilbourne reviews if and how the image of women in advertising has changed over the last 20 years. The video is produced by Media Education Foundation.



### **Women's Book Pack —**

Book Pack meets the last Tuesday of every month at Primrose Retirement Community, Apt. 217 at 2:00 p.m. All women of the congregation are invited to join the group. Contact Glenda Walker at [the.rev.glen@gmail.com](mailto:the.rev.glen@gmail.com) for more information.

**Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War** — Tuesday, September 20th at 7:30. Come watch the PBS Ken Burn's special on the UU couple Martha and Waitstill Sharp, whose courage and bravery saved many from death by the Nazis. Rev. Laurie has invited members and friends of Mt. Sinai to see the film with us and take part in a discussion following the film. Popcorn is provided. All are welcome.



**Screenagers** — Saturday, October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. UU Wausau will show the documentary *Screenagers*. Tickets are \$10 and are available to the public. In the film physician **Delaney Ruston “probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction.”** Hailed as a must-see for parents and teens, we thank Sally Schmidt for bringing the film here to UU Wausau. For more information, contact Sally at [sallyschmidt213@gmail.com](mailto:sallyschmidt213@gmail.com).

**Older, but Wiser** — Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, & 10 at 10:00 a.m. This adult lifespan education course is based on the UUA curriculum *Hindsight, Humor and Hope: Who, Me, an Elder?* The curriculum offers **the opportunity for people to “redesign their later years into a time of reflection, discernment, soul searching and new life possibilities”.** Feel free to define “later years” as you wish. We will meet for six, one-hour sessions. Sign up in the atrium. All materials will be provided. Facilitated by 63 year-old Richard Olson.