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CHILDREN , YOUTH, & FAMILY PROGRAMMING

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FAMILY PROGRAMS

All Ages Worship

Children and youth are welcome to join their families for worship every week. We provide supplies (coloring & activity sheets and fidgets) and worship related materials to help children follow along. The balcony and family room are also open for families who would like more space to move.

There are also several Sundays throughout the year, we worship as a community of all ages, and on those Sundays our RE groups will not meet. These Sundays mark important days in our congregation and holidays. They are times for celebrating and sharing and often include interactive elements. This year our all ages services are Sept. 10, Oct. 29, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Dec. 24, Feb. 11, Mar. 31, Apr. 21, May 19, and June 9.

We Rock it Book Club

Meets in-person/on Zoom, on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm.

We Rock It is a monthly book club for tweens, young teens, and their caregivers that explores themes of equity, inclusion, justice, and celebrating the diversity of differing and intersecting identities, including race, ethnicity, sexuality, faith, ability, class, and gender. This year We Rock It will be reading banned books.

Creativity Matters

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00pm. Open to high school youth & adults. Drop-ins welcome.

Creativity Matters is a monthly small group to explore spiritual growth through creative expression. It's all about allowing creativity and imagination to guide us, not just our logic and reflective minds. No experience or artistic skill is required. Just bring a playful and adventurous spirit!

Family Winter Retreat

January 19-21. Open to all families (with or without children at home)

Join us at the beautiful Schwartz at Camp Manitowish for a weekend full of sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, indoor rock wall climbing, great company, and tons of fun! Watch the weekly emails for details on how to register.



Belonging. Becoming. Being.

The Religious Education (RE) programs we hold each week are more than just a place where kids go to keep busy while their families and other adults take part in the serious business of church. It is more than memorizing sacred texts, and it is more than glue sticks, glitter, and crafts.

*It is about creating spaces of **belonging**, listening carefully, laughing wholeheartedly, caring deeply, and nurturing connections. It is about **becoming** a community and supporting each other as we learn and grow together. And it is about **being** - living our values in the world.*

QUESTIONS?

To find out more about our programming for children, youth, and families, contact our Director of Religious Education Jes Zimmer at jessica@uuwausau.org or check out our website: uuwausau.org

FAMILY PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Family Events

Several times throughout the year, we offer events and programs for families to connect. This might look like a movie night, service project, or shared meal. This year we are focusing on creating intergenerational programming and opportunities for folks of all ages to connect. Family events and intergenerational programming will be announced in the weekly emails and added to the calendar as they are scheduled.

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Chapel

Meets during worship on Sunday mornings September-May, except during all ages services. Open to children up to 6th grade.

Our children's chapel is a time to check in, talk about that week's message/story, and play together. Each week participants will have a choice to explore several spaces, including: an art room, quiet/contemplative room, make-believe room (geared for but not limited to our youngest participants), games and group activity space, nature space, music space, and makers space.

Camp RE

September 29, October 26, November 22, December 8, January 15, February 19, March 8, and April 26, 9:00am-4:30pm. Open to children in K-6th grade.

Meeting once a month on a day that DC Everest and/or Wausau School Districts does not meet, children are invited to spend the day learning and playing at UU Wausau. Each month we'll explore a theme that is at the heart of Unitarian Universalism through games, activities, stories, and projects. There will be time spent indoors and out, solo and group work/play, and if needed, time to log on for school work. *Camp RE requires separate registration.*

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

C2: Connections Cafe

Meets during worship on the 1st Sunday, October - May. Open to youth in 7th grade+.

C2 is an open space one Sunday a month for youth to connect, collaborate, create, and rest. Youth can choose to play a game, make some art, sit in the quiet, enjoy a snack, and/or do something else or nothing at all. C2 is a chance for youth to disconnect from the busyness of life and focus on those things that rest and renew their spirit.

Sr. High Youth Group Movies

Meets on the 3rd Sunday, September - May, at 4:00PM. Open to youth in 9th-12th grades.

As they move towards emerging adulthood, Youth Group Movies are a chance for Sr. High youth to explore life's big questions through popular films, discussions, and hands-on activities. The themes for this year are: Why do we need community?; Why do brains focus on the negative sometimes?; How to be yourself; How to find joy; How to avoid getting your feelings all over when you feel out of control; How to cope when things are bad; How to be bad at things and do them anyways; How to disagree without fighting; What does it mean to have a meaningful life?

Our Whole Lives (OWL) 7-9th Grade

Sundays afternoons from 2:00-4:00 PM, October - May. Registration closes on October 4.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a comprehensive, progressive, positive, and inclusive sexuality education program. More than anatomy and puberty, it provides accurate, developmentally appropriate information about a range of topics, including relationships, identity, health, consent, and cultural influences on sexuality, and invites youth to address the attitudes, values, and feelings they have about these topics, themselves, and the world. *OWL requires separate registration and attendance at a parent/guardian/caregiver orientation. More details at: bit.ly/UUWOWL2023*

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