

UUA Tapestry of Faith Programs Now Online May 2008

Children

- Living Faith (Grades K-1): Creating Home (16 sessions): Children are introduced to meditation, prayer, creative expression and other spiritual practices as they explore notions of homes and what they are for, through animal homes, their own family homes, and their faith home. By Jessica York and Christy Olson.
- Living Faith (Grades 2-3): Moral Tales (16 sessions): Stories illuminate the meaning of fairness, compassion, and 14 other Unitarian Universalist values. Children learn how these values can direct us toward goodness and justice, using the moral compass we each carry inside. By Alice Anacheka-Nasemann and Elisa Pearmain.

Adult

- Spirit of Life (9 workshops): An introduction to spirituality for Unitarian Universalists, by Barbara Hamilton-Holway.
- Spirit in Practice (10 workshops): Ten paths to deep engagement in a UU faith community including meditation, prayer, creative expression, justice work, and other spiritual practices, by Erik Walker Wikstrom.

Programs Available Online in June 2008

Children

- Living Faith (Grades 4-5): Toolbox of Faith (16 sessions): Duct tape symbolizes flexibility; a hammer, power; a seashell, listening; Unpacking symbolic tools of our faith, children experience and develop their relationships with key qualities that shape a UU identity, faith and personal call to action. By Kate Erslev.

Youth

- Our Families, Ourselves (12 workshops): A semester long program for junior or senior high youth that explores the functions of families, by Tracey L. Hurd, based on an earlier program by Helen Bishop and Susan Grider. The program includes a photo-documentary project where youth interact with the congregation.

- Exploring Our Spirituality Through Poetry (14 workshops): A program for senior high youth that uses poetry to explore our connections to our values and each other. Includes a poetry slam. By Karen Harris.

Adult

- Principled Commitment (12 workshops): A relationship program for committed couples, that helps couples bring their principles and values explicitly to their relationships, by Melanie Davis, Stephanie Haymaker, Craig Hirschberg, and Rick Bellingham.

Programs Available Online by September 2008

Field test versions of curricula are published online. Any congregation is welcome to download and use the field test version of a Tapestry of Faith program. Selected congregations agree to offer feedback on its structure and activities as well as the user-friendliness of the online publication.

Children

- Seeking Truth (Grade K-1): Wonderful Welcome (16 sessions): Children learn about intangible gifts such as love, friendship, protection, invitation and welcome. They discover ways they give and receive them in their own lives and become empowered to make their gifts seen, heard and felt. By Aisha Hauser and Susan Lawrence.
- Seeking Truth (Grade 4-5): Windows and Mirrors (16 sessions): Through a lens of UU faith and justice, children look closely at themselves and the communities to which they belong, especially their congregation. How do they experience true affiliation with others who may, at first, seem very unlike themselves? What actions do their observations demand, as they move out from "me" to "we?" By Gabrielle Farrell, Natalie Fenimore and Jenice View.
- Seeking Truth (Grade 6): Amazing Grace: Exploring Right and Wrong (16 sessions): The group engages in a variety of activities and reflections to learn about and experience moral decision-making. By Rick Kimball.

Available Online in January 2009

Children

- Seeking Truth (Grade 2-3) Untitled (16 sessions): Interacting with stories from our Sources which illuminate our UU Principles strengthens children's UU identity. From stories about contemporary Unitarian Universalists and stories from our faith heritage, children learn how UU faith

helps us empathize with others and affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. By Alice Anacheka-Nasemann and Lynn Ungar.

Adult

- Harvest the Power: A leadership program designed to develop spirituality, UU identity, and leadership skills in congregational leaders. By Matt Tittle and Gail Tittle.

Print Programs available in the UUA Bookstore

In keeping with the rest of the Our Whole Lives series, the new OWL components are published as print books.

- Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education for Young Adults (Ages 18-35): A new component of this lifespan curriculum series, by Michael Tino, Laura Stuart, and Sarah Gibb Millspaugh. (Published in print-order from UUA Bookstore.)

- Sexuality and Our Faith: A Companion to Our Whole Lives for Young Adults: By Mandy Keithan, Lynn Young, and T. Michael Rock. Includes both UUA and UCC supplements. (Published in print-order from UUA Bookstore.)

Print resources available for purchase from the UUA Bookstore and for loan from the CUC Lifespan Learning Library

The following books are reference resources that support Tapestry of Faith and other UU religious education programs.

The Toolkit Series

Nurturing Children and Youth: A Developmental Guidebook by Tracey L. Hurd. A tool for parents, teachers, and religious professionals, this book outlines typical progressions in cognitive, social, emotional, moral and spiritual development from infancy to early twenties.

Stories in Faith: Exploring Our UU Principles and Sources Through Wisdom Tales by Gail Forsyth-Vail. Nineteen tales culled from different cultures and faith traditions illuminate our seven Principles and six Sources.

When Youth Lead: A Guide to Intergenerational Social Justice Ministry, Plus 101 Youth Projects by Jill Schwendeman. Guidance for constructing and maintaining a spiritually vital youth ministry, including a wide range of social justice projects.

Print Resource Available in the UUA Bookstore November 2008

The Coming of Age Handbook: A resource with workshops on theology, spirituality, history, social justice, and other topics, along with suggested guidelines for designing a congregationally unique program, by Sarah Gibb Millspaugh.

Writing in 2008-2009

At least four children's programs, two youth programs, and four adult programs are being written in 2008-2009 for field-test in 2009.