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In Support of the
Westminster Church Mission:
to Welcome—Connect—Serve

The goal of religious education for the children and youth at Westminster Unitarian Church is to provide a loving, safe and nurturing community in which our children and youth can grow in their understanding of their own beliefs and to embark upon their own journey of spiritual discovery. We believe that the search for truth and meaning unfolds over a lifetime. We seek to support children, youth and their families in their journey.



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Planting the Seeds of a Spirited Life...



**Religious Education
For Children and Youth
2022-2023**



WELCOME!

Welcome to Youth Religious Education at Westminster Unitarian Church. Whether you have been here before or this is your first visit, you are welcome here.

Ours is a historic faith with a progressive message. We are bound by covenant, not by creed: we commit to walking together on a journey devoted to spiritual exploration and growth, social transformation and action.

Sunday Morning Worship

Services starts with adults and children together in the Sanctuary. After the Time for All Ages the children leave the sanctuary and attend their religious education classes in the Parish House classrooms. In this way, children and youth experience Sunday worship while also benefiting from age-based religious education programs.

Our Age-Based Programs for Children & Youth 2022/2023

Elementary (K-4): Soul Matters

The children are introduced to our UU Principles in an age appropriate manner follow by a fun and engaging activity.



Grades 5-7 (Middle School): Crossing Paths

Explore the faiths of our neighbors This full year class will be introduce to a variety of world religions complete with first hand experience I visits to other houses of worship.



Grades 8-9: Our Whole Lives (OWL) and Coming of Age

This full year, comprehensive relationship and sexuality program includes 26 interactive sessions focusing on self worth, mutual respect, sexual health, responsibility, justice, and inclusivity and is taught by specially trained teachers using fact-based and age-appropriate materials. Parent orientation is required.

We alternate OWL with 'Coming of Age' for this age group. 'Coming of Age' is a year long exploration of the youth's own faith.



Grades 10-12: Our Whole Lives (OWL)

This 12 week, comprehensive relationship and sexuality program focuses on goals similar to the 8-9th grade OWL program, but is tailored to our older youth.

Grades 9-12: Senior High Youth Group (SYG)

The senior high school youth meet as determined by the youth. Activities include field trips and service projects, to build a sense of community throughout the year.