

Learning Community E-News



Sunday, May 12, 2024

Mother's Day is a complex experience for many of us!

Let us mark how beautiful and heartbreaking it can be to mother and be mothered:

To those who have mothered, we thank you.

To those who rejoice in the work, the role, the presence of mothering and mothers, we celebrate with you.

To those who are in the thick of parenting children of any age, we appreciate you.

To those who experience loss through infertility, abortion, miscarriage, adoption, or running away, we mourn with you.

To those who have lost their mothers, we grieve with you.

To those who have endured abuse at the hands of their mothers, we acknowledge you.

To those who experience pain at the marking of this day, we witness you.

To those who are single moms, grandmoms, stepmoms, foster moms, adoptive moms, mentor moms, spiritual moms, and moms of expansive gender identity, we need you.

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising, we anticipate with you.

May we be grateful for the wide spectrum of mothering that happens in life and community.

P.S. Did you know our modern US Mother's Day was launched by Unitarian Julia Ward Howe's 1870 anti-war proclamation? Read about the history and the original [proclamation](#), which includes the call to:

"Arise, then... women of this day... Say firmly... Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience... From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own.

It says: Disarm, Disarm!"

Love,
Leah



May 12th RE classes

Classes begin at 10:30 AM; RE ends at 12:00 PM

Nursery/Toddlers (A103): A loving, playful space for little ones 6 months to 3 years old. Drop off and pick up anytime. (Rhionne & Katy)

Preschool (A106): Sulwe (Jody, Sylvia, & Emma)

K-1st Grade (A200): Blessing Boxes. (Evie & Kris)

2nd-3rd-4th Grade (B202 & B203): Responding with love. (Robert & Levi, Miranda & Laurie)

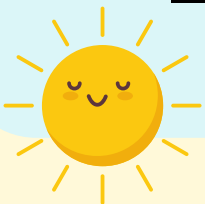
5th-6th Grade (B201): Mosaic-making! (Christa & Lee)

7th-8th Grade OWL (B302 & B303): Selfcare, celebration, and closure! You did it- this is the last OWL class. Come honor your hard work all year! (Sierra, Christopher & Summer)

YRUU (A108): This is the last class with this year's YRUU group; next week will include rising 9th graders. (Andrew & Victoria)

Summer RE Classes

Click [here](#) for the summer RE Schedule! We hope to see you there.



OR Justice History Tour

Summer High School Trip with Intern Minister Danielle Garrett

Attention all YRUU participants and rising high schoolers! We are exploring the possibility of leading the youth on a History and Justice tour of Oregon this summer. We will learn about the important civil rights and racial justice history in our own backyard and get connected with organizations working for justice in our state. Plus bonding, relaxing, and having fun! If you might be interested, please fill out this no-commitment survey to help us plan.



Feedback Requested!

Did you attend RE, parent someone who participated, or help out in the Learning Community this year?

Then please honor us with some feedback by taking a short and painless survey.



Calling All Graduating 8th and 12th Graders

We'd like to honor everyone finishing middle and high school this spring in a Bridging ceremony as part of our June 9th Flower Communion service. To RSVP, please contact Leah.



June 2nd Child Dedication

If you'd like to have your baby or young one honored in a UU child dedication ritual as part of the June 2nd worship service, please let Leah know ASAP.



Good Links

Get the Front Steps, the all church weekly newsletter
Watch the worship service live or during the week



Monthly spiritual theme:

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Keep in touch!

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