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A Newsletter for West Shore Families

January 2012

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R.E. Calendar

Sun, Jan 1

10:30 Worship Service
Childcare for Infant-PreK

Sun, Jan 8

9:30/11:15 Sunday School
10:40 Jr. Choir practice

Tues, Jan 11 7:00
R.E. Committee

Sun, Jan 15

9:30/11:15 Sunday School
10:40 Jr. Choir practice

Sun, Jan 22

9:30/11:15 Sunday School
10:40 Jr. Choir practice

Sun, Jan 29

9:30/11:15 Intergenerational
Worship, Childcare for
Infant-PreK
12:30-3:30 OWL, 7/8 Grade

Sat, Feb 4

2:00-4:00 All Ages Games
Afternoon

Teacher Volunteer

Needed. We need one Toddler Room teacher from January to April at 11:15 a.m. Our teachers serve twice each month, enjoy interesting curriculum, great children and veteran-led teaching teams. Please contact Cathy Ross for more information.

R.E. Quicklinks

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Thanks to All During the Holiday Season!

We wish to thank so many of you for your generosity, time, talent and energy. Thanks for:

- Supporting our Giving Tree that benefits women and children in shelters supported by the Cleveland Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center. We delivered three carloads of gifts!
- Giving your money for national and international emergency relief through the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's annual Guest at Your Table drive.
- Dropping coins in the Mountain Fountain that also benefited the Guest at Your Table drive. Our fountain alone raised \$37.35!
- Helping to raise our traditional sanctuary holiday tree, make ornaments, and decorate.
- Serving on our Religious Education Committee or as volunteers who helped to host and create programming for the Christmas Eve family service.

Test Site: OWL Grades 7-8

We are pleased to announce that West Shore has been named as a field test site for the revised curriculum for the OWL (Our Whole Lives) Grades 7-8 program. This UUA, age-appropriate, human sexuality program has not only been updated but now includes sessions that address the following:

Bullying and the Bystander Responsibilities
Sexuality, Social Media and the Internet
Consent Education
Unintended Pregnancy Options
Body Image

Seventeen youth attend this year's monthly class facilitated by trained instructors, **Jen Wynn** and **Dave Willett**.

Homeless on Hilliard

West Shore youth, Grades 7-12, are invited to join other Rocky River church youth on **Friday, February 3**, to experience an overnight of homelessness on our front lawn! The youth and adult sponsors will make signs and encourage those traveling on Hilliard Boulevard to notice them and to make a donation to fight homelessness. Information regarding time, activities and permission forms is available in Sunday School, at the RE table, and on the church's website. If you have questions, please contact Youth Ministry coordinator Phil Florian, pflorian@wsuuc.org or 440-333-2255, ext. 104.

All Ages Games Afternoon

Want a solution to cabin fever? Please join us for an afternoon of games for all ages - Candyland, Scrabble, Pictionary, Apples to Apples - in Baker Hall on Saturday, February 4, 2:00-4:00 pm. We'll provide some games and light refreshments. You are welcome to bring your favorite game!

Kathy Strawser's Sabbatical

Kathy will be on sabbatical from January 1 to April 1, 2012, completing a 400 hour graduate course, Clinical Pastoral Education, at the Cleveland Veterans Administration Hospital. If you have questions during her absence regarding programming for children, youth and adults, please contact Programs Assistant Cathy Ross or Rev. Kathleen Rolenz.

Youth Group News

Our youth have a full schedule of activities planned for this winter and spring.

January 7-8: Rocky Horror Picture Show and overnight at West Shore
January 22, 6:00-9:00 pm: Regular Youth Group meeting
February 3-4: Homeless on Hilliard (see information above)
February 19, 6:00-9:00 pm: Regular Youth Group meeting
March 11, 6:00-9:00 pm: Regular Youth Group meeting
March 24-25: Youth Group overnight to plan for service activities
April 21-22: Overnight for our Youth Group and Eighth Graders
May 6, 6:00-9:00 pm: Last Youth Group meeting for the year

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