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A Newsletter for Families  
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## Survey on Intergenerational Worship

The Worship Leadership Team and the Worship Associates constantly review and evaluate our worship life and this year thought it would be good to ask the congregation for some evaluative responses to our Intergenerational Services. We'd like to make our intergenerational services even better in response to your feedback. In the five years since we began intergenerational services we have never used a survey for evaluation. The survey can be filled out on-line (**preferable** because of ease of compilation) or in hard copy. Go to the home page of our web site [wsuuc.org](http://wsuuc.org) where you will find a link to the survey. The hard copies that can be filled out with a pen are available at the church office and can be returned there. The survey is intended for church members of all ages and has a separate section for children and youth. Parents may wish to ask their children the questions and fill out the answers for them. There is an open-ended comment section at the end of each of the two sections of the survey. We ask that one survey per person, adult or child be returned. Please return the survey by March 15, 2010. Thanks for your help in knowing how our worship services are received.

## Sunday Childcare: We Need Your Help

We invite you to spend an hour with our beautiful babies! We truly need adults to help cover nursery care during each of our Sunday services, 9:30 - 10:40 and 11:15 - 12:25. A WSUUC Child Care Center staff member is the lead caregiver. You are asked to be the second adult in the nursery. Please sign up at the Religious Education table, for one or more Sundays, or contact Programs Assistant Cathy Ross, [cross@wsuuc.org](mailto:cross@wsuuc.org) or 440.333.2255, ext. 104. Say YES, and help support the success of our two church services/RE programs.

## Tomorrow's Church: March 21 Service and Conversation

We encourage the spectrum of West Shore members, including families, to attend this **single**, intergenerational service at **10:30**, followed by an all-church conversation about the West Shore UU Church of tomorrow. How might every aspect of church life, including our children's Sunday School, our Junior and Youth choirs, our programming for youth inside and outside our building, our RE Committee, our adult classes and opportunities, look like through a multicultural lens? What would we hear, see and do?

After the intergenerational service, we invite our youth, Grades 7 - 12, to join with adult members in this conversation. For children, Grades K - 6, following the service, we offer an engaging hour of multicultural story, music, craft, snack and children's conversation about their view of West Shore's future. Childcare, both during the service and conversation, will be offered for infants - Pre-Kindergarten.



## Family Night We are UU's

Friday, March 19, 6 - 8 p.m.

Fun, fellowship and faith exploration  
Topic: Taking Your Faith Home

- Families, especially those with children, grades K - 6
- Supper, worship with song, dance, story, family activity (chalice making)
- Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share
- Childcare available for younger children during program



## World Religions Field Trip

Children in Grades 5 - 6 will meet at church at 11:00, Sunday, March 7, and travel to CloudWater Zendo, the Buddhist temple at 14436 Puritas Avenue in Cleveland. The experience will include orientation to the zendo, meditation, and a discussion with questions encouraged. Students may bring a small amount of money to put into the donation box as a "practice of gratitude."

After the visit we will have lunch at the Oriental Palace Buffet at 3366 Warren Road. The buffet cost\* is \$4.25 for children 10 and younger, \$6.50 for those 11 and older. Beverages are extra. We will return to West Shore between 2:30 and 2:45 p.m. Be sure your child is registered for this great opportunity!

(Children who can't attend the lunch could be driven to West Shore for earlier pick up. Please let us know).

\*We want all World Religions children to be able to attend. If cost is an issue, please contact Kathy Strawser.

Field trip schedule:

11:00 a.m. Meet in Room 11

2:30 p.m. Return to the church parking lot

## Sunday Circus: SUCCESS!

Thanks to all of you who supported our second, annual Sunday Circus. The RE Committee will deliver the large collection of donated, new children's underwear and a donation of our profits, \$51, to InterAct Cleveland's efforts to address homelessness. A special thank you to Sara Beech, church member and leader of this year's fabulous, fun event.

## Congratulations!

Ara Starr and Eva Wynn, who attend Grant Elementary School in Lakewood, received Awards of Creativity for school-wide honors. Their artwork was recently singled out in the National PTA Reflections Program, "Beauty Is...", an Arts Recognition and Achievement Program, 2009-2010.

We love to share our children's successes. Please let us know if you have good news to share.

## Kathy Strawser's Time Away

- Philosophy of UU Religious Education Renaissance Module, Feb. 26 - 28, Cleveland
- UU History Renaissance Module, March 5 - 7, Atlanta, GA
- District Assembly/LREDA (Liberal Religious Educators Assn.) chapter meeting, March 26 - 27, St Clairsville, OH

Contact Cathy Ross for help during Kathy's absence at [cross@wsuuc.org](mailto:cross@wsuuc.org); 440.333.2255, ext. 104

## Jr. Church/Youth Happenings

The youth of the Jr. Church have a busy March as they head towards their end of year Youth Service in May. To kick off March, the youth are getting together for a Potluck and Tie Dye Picnic Palooza. The date is **3/14/10 after the second service, which allows for all youth, first and second service, to attend.** Youth are encouraged to bring their friends, too. Youth will bring food for potluck. Shirts and dye material will be provided. If you are a youth grades 9 to 12, check in with me on Sundays or drop me a line at [pflorian@wsuuc.org](mailto:pflorian@wsuuc.org).

## Jr. Church Wants YOU!

A youth program is all about the young participants, of course, but the backbone of the program is its adult volunteers. We have volunteers teaching during church for this year but we are looking to increase the amount of activities happening out of church as the rest of the year proceeds. For this, we may need more help. We don't have a solid schedule of activities but including the event mentioned above, the youth will be attending at least one local theatrical production starring some of their own in April, considering a makeover of their Jr. Church room in May and preparing and presenting their Youth Service at the end of May. We aren't looking for many but if you are an adult interested in working to support the high school youth at events outside of our Sunday School class, check in with me at [pflorian@wsuuc.org](mailto:pflorian@wsuuc.org).

Thanks for everyone's continued support!

Phil Florian, Youth Ministry Coordinator

## R.E. CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 28

9:30 & 11:15 Sunday School

10:40-11:15 Junior Choir Practice

### Tuesday, March 2

7:30 R.E. Committee Meeting

### Sunday, March 7

9:30 & 11:15 Sunday School

10:40-11:15 Intergenerational Choir Practice

### Sunday, March 14

9:30 & 11:15 Sunday School

10:40-11:15 Intergenerational Choir Practice

### Friday, March 19

6:00-8:00 Family Night

### Sunday, March 21

10:10 Intergenerational Choir Practice

10:30 Intergenerational Service

Childcare for infants to Pre-K

*Food Drive in Sanctuary during the service*

11:30 Tomorrow's Church Discussion

5:00 p.m. OWL for 7th/8th grade

### Sunday, March 28

9:30 & 11:15 Sunday School

Children's Chapel for K-6

*Please send a few coins with your*

*K-6 child for the offering*

10:40 Junior Choir rehearsal