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West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church

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Sunday School Classes: 2009-10

We will offer religious education for children and youth two times next year, with

Junior Choir meeting in between the sessions.

Session I 9:30 - 10:40

Jr. Choir 10:40 - 11:15

Session II 11:15 - 12:25

Our classes for infants to Grade 8 will be identical for both Sunday School sessions.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Curriculum</u>
Nursery (Infant - 24 mos)	
Toddler (2 - 3 years)	<i>Friendship Finders</i>
Pre - K (4 - 5 years)	<i>We Are Many, We Are One</i>
Grades K - 1 - 2	<i>Spirit Play</i>
Grades 3 - 4	<i>Timeless Themes</i>
Grades 5 - 6	<i>World Religions</i>
Grades 7 - 8	<i>Popcorn Theology</i>

Junior Church, our high school group, will meet at the first session, only. We will offer different and unique opportunities for this age group at the second service time.

Sunday School Registration

Two sessions of Sunday School require careful, advance planning. We hope to have our children and youth registered by early June. We ask parents to register their child(ren) NOW for the upcoming church year. You may complete the cherry-colored form mailed home, or you may print a form from the church website, www.wsuuc.org. Please return it to the RE table on Sunday or mail to Kathy Strawser, c/o West Shore UU Church.

Green RE Spring Program

Thanks to our children and youth, West Shore Church now has a raised bed garden on the back, south side, of the property. The children's monthly, chapel service offerings were the key source for the wood, hardware and dirt, and eighth grader **Jacob Streitel** designed and led the construction of the garden as a part of his fulfillment of an Eagle Scout project.

For five Sundays, **May 3, 17, 24, 31** and **June 7**, our children in **grades K - 6** will learn about gardening via composting, making a scarecrow, cooking, studying insects, scavenger hunting and working in the church garden. **Linda New**, the Green Sanctuary liaison to the RE Committee, will provide leadership for the children's activities. **Youth in grades 7-8 are welcome to sign up at the RE table to help!**

The idea for a "city" garden was initiated by the Green Sanctuary Committee, the group that will coordinate the garden's regular maintenance during the summer months. Please join us in this wonderful venture—sign up at the RE table to help at one or more of the five Sunday School sessions, or visit the Green Sanctuary table to learn how you can contribute to the success of West Shore's first garden! **NEEDED:** Clear, 2-liter pop bottles for a compost-making project.

Sunday Childcare

We will continue to offer childcare during Sunday services, for infants - Pre-K, now and through the summer. Please bring your child(ren) to Room 6, the Toddler Room.





All Ages Youth Con(ference): Hold the Date!

West Shore UU Church will host the Ohio-Meadville District's All Ages Youth Con, "MytholoCONology," **Friday, May 15 to Sunday, May 17.** All high school WSUUC youth are welcome to attend; youth in grades 7 - 8 may attend if

they have previously attended a con or Summer Institute. For more information and to register, please contact our youth ministry coordinator, **Linda New**, newlinn09@gmail.com. Deadline to register for the Con is Tuesday, May 5.

WSUUC Members: Please Support Our Youth—It's SO Easy!!

We need desserts and kitchen help to feed many youth at the **May 15-17** WSUUC-hosted Con. Please sign up at the RE table on Sundays to drop off an easy dessert—brownies, cookies, cupcakes—or to volunteer to be one of many helpers for one of the Saturday meals. Providing a dessert or giving a couple hours in our kitchen is a great way to say, "I support UU youth."

Youth Sunday: Sunday, May 31, 10:30 a.m.

Our high school youth have been reflecting on a variety of social relationships—family, school, work—and what strengthens and weakens communication in these relationships. This is a unique service, one that they have created and are excited to present. We encourage you to come to hear what our youth have to say!

Note: Junior Church will continue to meet for Sunday School, at 10:30, during the May Sundays, in order to create the Youth Sunday Service.



May R.E. Calendar

Saturday, May 2

- 10:00 Gender 101 for R.E. Parents
- 2:00 Coming of Age Ceremony

Sunday, May 3

- 9:30 Intergenerational Choir
- 10:30 R.E. Green Spring Program
Childcare for Infants—Pre-K
Jr. Church meets in Room 10

Thursday, May 7

- 7:30 R.E. Committee Meeting.

Sunday, May 10

- 9:30 Intergenerational Choir (last Jr. Choir rehearsal for the year)
- 10:30 Intergenerational Mothers' Day Service with Child Dedication.
Childcare infants—age 4
Jr. Church meets in Room 10

Friday, May 15—Sunday, May 17

Ohio-Meadville All-Ages Youth Con
— see information on this page

Sunday, May 17

- 10:30 R.E. Green Spring Program
Childcare for infants—Pre-K
Jr. Church meets in Room 10

Sunday, May 24

- 10:30 R.E. Green Spring Program.
Childcare for infants—Pre-K
Jr. Church meets in Room 10

Sunday, May 31

- 10:30 R.E. Green Spring Program
Youth Sunday.
Childcare for infants—Pre-K

Sunday, June 7

- 10:30 R.E. Green Spring Program
Childcare for infants—Pre-K.