

Children & Youth Religious Education

Sunday, December 5th, 2010

Today the **Kindergarten - Fifth grade** youngsters are concluding this year's second rotation, *Creation Myths*. Here are the workshops that comprised this rotation:

Science – Eleanor McGuire explored Galileo's battle with the Catholic Church about the nature of the universe. Succinctly, can we believe in science and still believe in God?

Games – Mike Gabel shared with the kids the story of the Seven Days of Creation as put forth in the Old Testament in Genesis 1:1-2:4, through games like charades & Pictionary.

Art – Debbie Fordree focused on the Hindu creation myth which reveals the universe as endlessly created and destroyed – it has no beginning or end. One Hindu saying goes "There are more universes than there are drops of water in the holy river Ganges".

Storytelling - Shel Lakocy looked at why three of the world's major religions: Islam, Judaism and Christianity, all tell the same creation story due to their shared history. It's widely heard tale of how one God created the world in seven days and it's found in the Qur'an, the Torah and the Old Testament, respectively.

- ◆ **6th & 7th grade: Atheism.** Ethics and a good life without a formalized God concept.
- ◆ **8th grade OWL: 9:30-12:30p.** Parent forum today, 10:30a, Blue Door, Small Room. Class latenight/overnight Dec 11 3p - Dec 12 9:30a.
- ◆ **9th - 12th grade:** The Youth are in Service today.

HOLIDAY TREATS from the Rite Of Passage Experience (ROPE) -- All proceeds go to support our 8th graders' ROPE heritage trip to Boston (April 2011):

- POINSETTAS!! Pick up your plants today!!
- Dec 5th heralds HOLIDAY BAKED GOODS. Buy your yummy treats for the holidays from ROPE bakers Dec 5, 12 & 19.

Youth Groups

- ◆ Great Unitarian Universalist Senior High (GUUSH) meeting, for all 9th - 12th graders! **Meeting this week**, 6p-8p, Red Door..
- ◆ GUUSH & GUUSH Alumni Dinner Dec 19 6p-8p
- ◆ GUUSH -HS Mystic Lake Retreat FIRM Jan 14-16, 2011
- ◆ ROPE Boston Trip April 28 - May 1, 2011



Birmingham Unitarian Church

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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Prelude "One Star" by S. Albrecht and Jay Althouse One-Hour Choir
Welcome, Greeting, and Announcements Lisa Demian, Worship Associate
Lighting the Chalice

⊕ Hymn # 225 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Opening Words From "The Drum Major Instinct" Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Special Music "Uma Familia" by Jay Althouse

A Message for All Ages

Song for Leaving: *For you shall go out in joy (repeat) Thomas Benjamin*
and come back in peace. (repeat)
Blessed be.

Recognition of Volunteers Completing Service

Mary Jo Ebert, Leadership Development Committee

A Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

Meditation, spoken and silent

Musical Response

Sermon "The Faith of Cats" Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt

Offering

Offertory "Bring a Torch" arranged by Kevin Olson

⊕ Hymn # 226 *People, Look East*

⊕ Extinguishing the Chalice

⊕ Parting Song

Let us stand in celebration of life's boundless mystery

And in peace, with love and courage, may our hearts and minds be free.

⊕ Benediction

If you leave during the Postlude, please do so quietly with respect for your neighbors.

Postlude "Good King Wenceslas" arranged by Kevin Olson

⊕ Please rise as you are willing and able. Latecomers may be seated now.

Flowers today have been provided by Margaret Marsh to welcome in this wonderful season.

Next Week's Service: "What Are We Waiting For?" The weeks leading up to Christmas are traditionally known as the season of Advent, associated with a time of waiting. Along with waiting for the gifts we hope to receive, what are we hoping to experience spiritually in this time? Kathy and Worship Associate Grace Rising explore the ways we wait, and what we hope to find at the end of our season of waiting.

Your Hosts Today

9:30

Ushers:	Brian Schandavel	Diane Lake	Bob Clement
Greeters:	Cindy Clement	Ilene Beninson	Bruce Webber
Coffee Servers:	Sheila Seaver	J.B. Bernard	

11:15

Ushers:	Debbie Stroup	Craig Stroup	Helen Corrigan
Greeters:			
Coffee Servers:	Barbara Robinson	David Bredenberg	

One of BUC's Small Group Fellowships has provided all the hosts for first service today.

ONE-HOUR CHOIR

Carol Ann Arvan	Frank Arvan	Emilia Askari	Lisa Baker
Joanne Copeland	Cheryl Courage	Kristi Fielder	Marissa Hancock
Beth Lorey	Marilyn Mast	Jim Mellet	Kate Mellet
Gail Rouse	Kim Schultes	Jay Sim	Kyle Sim
Ann Throop	Larry Wisniewski		
<i>TRUMPETS:</i>	Burr Huntington	Jorah Huntington	Kathy DuHame

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Holiday Dinner for BUC Folks

Margaret Marsh will again be hosting the annual BUC Christmas dinner potluck at her home. Turkey, dressing and gravy will be served along with all the guest contributions. A number of folks brought wine last year and the impromptu wine tasting was said to be quite fun. Four o'clock Christmas day. Please respond to Carol Winslow if you are planning to attend at cwin@att.net or call at 248-398-1582.

In lieu of a white elephant gift exchange, this year's theme is gift food items. Gourmet coffee or tea, popcorn, cheese, nuts, wine, maple syrup, jam, homemade goodies. The address: 831 Mt. Vernon, Royal Oak, 48073

Needs Network

The annual holiday gift collection for the Lighthouse in Pontiac will begin on November 28 and continue through December 12. All gifts must be new, unused, and unwrapped. The following items are particularly needed: coats for children and adults, especially men's very large sizes; sweatshirts, sweatpants, and underwear, especially XXL sizes; large men's socks; pajamas for women and children; household items including cleaning supplies, toilet paper, facial tissue (Kleenex), bath towels, dishes, glasses, pots and pans, sheet sets in any size, comforters, and blankets. **The only toys that tend to be in short supply are board games and books for older children.** For additional information, please contact Margaret Marsh 248-288-3411 email: mmarsh96@yahoo.com

