

Sunday Morning Programs

Care for Babies and Toddlers

We provide a safe and nurturing environment for babies and toddlers

- ♥ Care is from 10:15 AM –12 PM
- ♥ Snacks, stories, sensory activities
- ♥ Indoor and outdoor free play

Pre-K and Kindergarten

We welcome children to participate in interactive experiences and play

- ♥ Circle time and Interactive worship elements
- ♥ Indoor and outdoor free play
- ♥ *Soul Matters* activities, stories, sharing joys and sorrows
- ♥ Cooking, dance, music, and art



Elementary Mixed Aged

- ♥ Elementary children are invited to join in our engaging and enriching program; we use *Soul Matters* and *World Blessings* curriculums
- ♥ Chalice Lighting, Time for All Ages, Joys and Sorrows
- ♥ Story and topic exploration: acting, cooking, activities, and games

Middle School

- ♥ Through March our middle schoolers are in a program called *Our Whole Lives (OWL)*; starting in April, we will have a middle school group
- ♥ Time for All Ages, in worship service
- ♥ Joys and Sorrows, videos, discussion
- ♥ Activities include cooking, art, games, and music

High School Youth and Young Adults

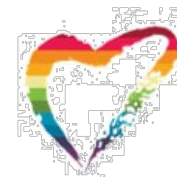
We welcome our high school youth to participate in the following:

- ♥ volunteer with the younger children
- ♥ help with coffee hour prep
- ♥ hang out in the atrium or social hall or
- ♥ attend the service

Our Whole Lives (OWL) 4th-6th & 7th-9th

- ♥ Helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their relationships, sexual health, and behavior
- ♥ Provides accurate, developmentally appropriate information

Topics Include:
relationships,
gender identity and
expression, sexual
orientation, sexual
health, and cultural
influences on sexuality



SIDE WITH LOVE

Special Events:

- ♥ **Metro Detroit UU Teen Nights:** Youth gather and share food, games, and fun
- ♥ **High School Conference:** Youth gather for workshops and fun with peers
- ♥ **Apple picking:** We visit an apple orchard in the fall
- ♥ **Field trips:** We take the children on a field trip during the worship service
- ♥ **Mystic Lake Middle School UU Retreat:** Gather together at Mystic Lake Camp
- ♥ **Parents Night Out/Children's Night:** Provides activities and games for kids
- ♥ **Pageant:** A play performed by the children, bi-yearly
- ♥ **Holiday Party:** There is a party around the holidays
- ♥ **Winter Carnival:** A winter party for families to enjoy, bi-yearly
- ♥ **Kensington:** We visit Kensington Park, the farm or sledding hill
- ♥ **Seder:** Families and congregants gather together for a Passover dinner, bi-yearly
- ♥ **Service Projects:** We have done river clean up, food prep, and collected supplies
- ♥ **Summer UU Peace Camp:** We offer many activities in four all-day camps

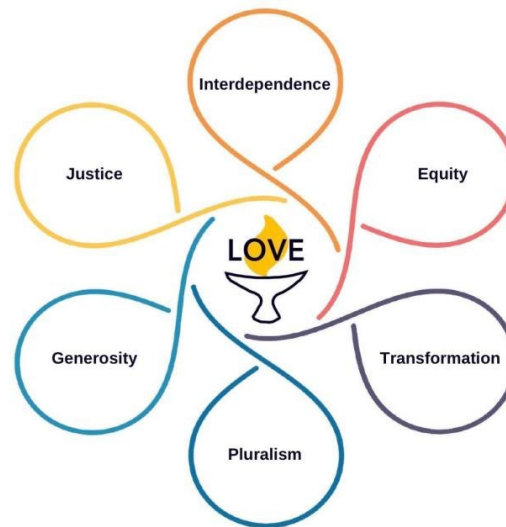
Our Mission is to teach worthiness and wholeness, explore world views, values and emerging spirituality, and surround youth with beloved communities.

Goals

- ♥ Instill in our children they are whole and worthy just as they are
- ♥ Provide a framework to explore different world views, values, and their emerging spirituality
- ♥ Surround them with a values-based beloved community through impactful relationships

Safety and Peace Keeping Policies

We are always concerned about the safety and well-being of all children in our program. We have a Child Protection Policy for First UU and Northwest UU that our staff and volunteers adhere to. We have two teachers assigned to every room. The DRE and staff will assist the volunteers in peacemaking efforts. Sometimes we will get parents involved. To see our Child Protection Policy, go to northwestuu.org.



Northwest UU of Southfield & First UU of Detroit

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