

September 2011

18th - First day of RE Classes/Youth Group

18th – Coming of Age Orientation /
Information session (1-2:00 pm)

October 2011

1st - “Faith in YoUUr Hands” Chalice
Sculpting Workshop (Part 1) in Ocean Beach

2nd - Youth Program Open House in the
Common Room (112) from 1:30 - 3:00 pm

7th thru 9th - Voices in Unity - Youth Choir
Retreat

9th – Coming of Age – Session 1 (2-4:00 pm)
(Parents & Youth)

15th – “Faith in YoUUr Hands” Chalice
Sculpting Workshop (Part 2) in Ocean Beach

21st – 23rd - YRUU Halloween Con at
UUFSD

23rd - UN Sunday - 9:30 Youth group and
11:30 Jr. High Youth choose a country to
represent - All monies donated to UNICEF

28th - Jr. High Haunted House Construction -
Overnight for the Halloween Carnival

29th - Halloween Carnival for UNICEF from
4:30 till 7:30 pm - Sr. High & Jr. High youth
groups raise money for UNICEF

30th - Coming of Age – Session 2 (2-4:00 pm)
(Parents & Youth)

November 2011

5th - Youth Benefit Concert Rehearsals begin

13th – Deadline for submission of an act for
the Youth Benefit Concert

13th - Coming of Age – Session 3 (2-4:00 pm)
(Parents & Youth)

26th – Fall Youth Group Outing to Julian’s
Christmas in the Country celebration

December 2011

2nd - 4th - Coming of Age/Junior High Winter
Camp at Camp de Benneville Pines

4th – Craft Fair

4th - Coming of Age – Session 4 (2-4:00 pm)
(Parents & Youth)

10th - Youth Benefit Concert in the Meeting
House (7 - 9:30 pm)

27th – Jan 1st, 2012 - Senior High Winter
Camp at Camp de Benneville Pines

January 2012

6th & 7th – Coming of Age Overnight

7th - Coming of Age – Session 5 (2-4:00 pm) (Parents &
Youth)

21st – Rehearsal for the Coming of Age Service

22nd - Parent Orientation #1 for Jr. High OWL

29th - Coming of Age Service in the Meeting House

29th - Parent Orientation #2 for Jr. High OWL

February 2012

4th - Jr. High OWL begins (thru April 3rd)

24th -26th (tentative date) - YRUU Spirituality Con at UUCP
(Phoenix)

April 2012

8th – Easter Sunday (Flower Communion)

15th – The 5th Annual Pastoral Pizza Panel

TBD Social Action Con (possibly at 1st UU)

May 2012

27th (tentative date) - Youth/Bridging Service (last day of
the regular Youth Program)

June 2012

1-3 - All Church Camp

9th - (tentative date) Youth Program year end event

10th – First day of the Summer Youth Program - all
incoming 7th graders are welcome!

July 2012

5th – “Morning After Mess” Beach Clean-up

Youth Program Mission

The mission of the Youth Program of First UU Church of San Diego is to support our Church's mission by creating and maintaining programs for youth that are based on our Unitarian Universalist principles and values, build community, lovingly embrace diversity and provide opportunities for personal and spiritual growth, leadership and service.

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Youth Religious Education Program Guide 2011 - 2012



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Programs for Youth

9:30 am Combined Junior and Senior High Group

Room 114b

Grades 7 through 12



We'll start the year exploring Michelle Richard's curriculum, **Popcorn Theology**. This curriculum engages youth in an exploration of issues of theology and ethics through film. Each week, the youth will watch an excerpt from a film which illustrates a specific theme or issue, participate in a group activity and engage in a discussion of the topic with each other and their adult advisors.

Youth are required to register for either the 9:30 or 11:30 a.m. Youth program or both.

11:30 am Junior High Program

Room 114a

Grades 7 through 9

The 11:30 am Sunday morning Junior High program includes opportunities for personal sharing, worship, and community involvement. Each month, on Worship Sunday, the group will attend the worship service they have chosen. The group will meet on the remaining Sundays to discuss the worship service they attended together and other topics of interest. They will also participate in activities from the new Tapestry of Faith social justice curriculum for youth, from the UUA, *Heeding the Call: Qualities of a Justice Maker*. Building strong friendships through working together while having fun underlies all our events and programs. With the aid of their advisors, the youth plan various fun events, overnights, and social action/community service

Please Note: Ninth grade students may choose to be part of either the Junior or Senior High youth groups but NOT both. Registration is required to participate in program events.

Forms are available in the classrooms or the RE office.

Coming of Age - (Jr. High Youth)

Coming of Age is a Unitarian Universalist rite of passage program for Jr High students. The program encourages youth to formulate their developing religious beliefs and to identify themselves with their religious heritage and church community. An overnight and recognition service are planned in connection with the program. Parent sessions are held concurrently. The program is designed for new 7th graders, but 8th and 9th grade youth who missed the program previously are also welcome to participate.

11:30 a.m. Senior High Program

Room 114B - Grades 9 through 12

The Sunday morning 11:30 am Senior High Group participates in youth-initiated discussions and programs. Issues important to their lives including religion, peace, justice, and relationships with family and friends, are typically discussed. Worship, mutual support, and group decision making are important components of the program. With their adult advisors, the youth plan the Sunday morning program, social events and community service activities, overnights, and social action projects. They also attend the worship service of their choice once a month.



Youth Choir - Voices In Unity

Voices in Unity, the First Unitarian Universalist Youth choir is a community of young musicians dedicated to musical excellence. Performance is an important part of our musical study as a vehicle to inspire peace, harmony and bring people together. Choir practice is on Sundays from 12:45 – 2:15 pm in Clark's Chapel. For more information, please contact Lynn Mendoza-Khan, Youth Choir Director, at (619) 665-3243 or email her at lynn@sandiegovoiceteacher.com.



"Living Our Values" Sunday Guest Speaker Program

Once a month, between the 9:30 and 11:30 am worship services, all youth are invited to gather in Room 114b from 10:50 am until 11:20 am to enjoy snacks and hear a brief presentation from a special guest about how to take our UU values into the world to help create wholeness and healing. Rev. Kathleen Owens will kick off this exciting new youth program on Sunday, October 16th, 2011. Watch for more information in the First UU Church newsletter, *The Window* or for announcements in the Order of Service on Sunday mornings about future speakers and topics. Come and find out how living your UU values can make the world a more loving, peaceful and equitable place.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) Human Sexuality Junior High Program



The human sexuality courses we offer are a very important part of our ministry to the youth of our congregation and also to their parents. We will offer Jr. High (grades 7-9) OWL as an optional program on Sunday afternoons for youth and their parents, as a means of providing our youth with factual information and a forum for asking questions.

The two required parent orientations will be Sundays, January 22nd and 29th. The program sessions will begin on Saturday, February 4th. This is the only Saturday session scheduled. Sessions will be held every Sunday afternoon, beginning February 5th, and run through April 1st.

Senior High OWL will be offered in Winter/Spring 2013.