

everything your family needs to know this week

the REnews

from the UUSGU
Religious Exploration Program

May 21st 2025

After two weeks of nice warm weather, it's been kind of a shock this week to have April-like temperatures. Still I've managed to get my vegetable beds in, even though I haven't finished spring clean-up for the rest of the yard. I hope I'll be able to get to that before it is summer...

Coming up in Religious Exploration

Only four Sundays left in our program year! Our last Sunday of regular RE will be June 1st, when we will be in our Spirit Play or Popcorn Theology classrooms. The other three Sundays will be multi-gen services.

- May 25th will be a lay-led multi-gen service on Creativity, featuring improv exercises for all ages. After the shorter-than-usual service we'll come down to the Fellowship Space and create a Community Art Project together.
- June 8th will be our annual Flower Communion service. Children will be asked to participate in the parade of flowers at the beginning of the service.
- June 15th will be a special Family Service honoring fathers and graduates. Dads, be prepared! I may ask you to tell everyone your best Dad Joke as part of Time for All Ages. Kids, I may ask you to tell

me one thing you love about your dad.

UUSGU will then be closed for three weeks until our Summer Series lay-led services start on July 13th. We do not have RE during the summer services, however the pew buddies and clipboards will still be available and parents are welcome to take children 4 and under downstairs to play in the Little Lights child care room during service if they need a break. RE will pick up again on September 21st with a Sunday Funday Welcome Back one-room classroom lesson.

May RE Schedule

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Spirit Play
Sharing Space with Beth Tikvah
DRE away this weekend
Childcare Available

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Special Mother's Day
One-room Classroom Session
Moms invited to RE
Childcare Available

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Sunday Funday at Norcross Park
(weather permitting)
Childcare Available

25

"Our Creative Community"
Lay-led Family Service with
Community Art Project
Childcare Available

A Smashing Success!

The UUSGU Youth Group's IRON CHEF fundraiser for The Trevor Project was a smashing success!



Three teams, The Whisk Takers, Orange You Glad We're Cooking for You, and Sweet, Heat, Petite, and Six Feet each prepared an appetizer, a main course, and a dessert using the secret



ingredient--oranges. Many congregants came out to taste the creations and vote on the winners. Between pre-event donations, cash used for voting, and post-event donations the event raised more than \$1200! Congratulations to Muriel, Brayden, Griffin, Patty, Toby and Brian on a job well done. Also thank you to Lauren and Kai for telling us all about The Trevor Project and to our youth leaders MB and Donna Maria and the parents who made this event possible.

Last Week in RE

For this week's Sunday Funday we took our RE students down to Norcross Park to play on the playground. I was pleased with how cooperative all the children were holding on to our "tiger tail" rings to keep us in a nice, safe line walking on the sidewalk there and back. The children enjoyed playing on the play equipment and with our parachute before walking back. Kudos to Rev. Daniel for preaching his average length of sermon, allowing us to get back to UUSGU at just the right time! Sorry, I couldn't take photos of the event because there were children for which we don't have photo releases (in addition to all the other children at the park who aren't UUSGU friends and members).

Family Game Night

Come one, come all to the last Family Game Night of the program year! This event will be held on Sunday, June 1st from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. We'll supply dinner for everyone with a Taco Bar--there will be shells and wraps to make hard or soft tacos as well as tortilla chips and lots of lettuce in case you want a taco salad instead and we may even have home-made queso as well. Gluten-free options will be available, as will vegan options, if any vegan families RSVP. Please RSVP to re@uusgu.org by 6 p.m. on May 29th. If the weather is nice, we may play games and/or have dinner outside in the play yard, otherwise we'll be in the Fellowship Space.

Upcoming Community Events

Honor those who have died serving our nation in wartime by joining the town on Memorial Day here on the Common at noon. There will be a flag-raising ceremony at the various monuments. In the past there has been a 21-gun salute as part of the ceremony, so consider that if you have children who don't like loud sounds.

On June 7th Grafton PRIDE is hosting a picnic on the Common from 2-4 pm. Bring your picnic baskets and blankets and join PRIDE for yard games, music, face-painting, and a coloring station sponsored by DRE Cherilyn Reno. There will also be Tie Dye--bring your own white shirt or purchase one of ours, and some Silent Auction items. After the picnic, head to Rushford Brewing for a Drag Storytime and book sale. A bigger Grafton PRIDE event will be held September 13th at Touchstone School--watch this space for more information about that over the summer.