

## General Information

**Class time: 10:00-11:15 AM**  
(except 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. when children begin in service)

**Location: Elementary – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Olympia Brown Room; Youth Group 1<sup>st</sup> floor, youth room**

**After class: Grades K-3 will meet parents at the water fountain in the lobby by the restrooms; older children released from class**



## UU Principles

1. Every person is important and valuable.
2. All people should be treated fairly.
3. Our fellowships are places where we accept one another and learn together.
4. Each person should be free to search for what is true and right.
5. All people have a right to speak out and vote on things that matter to them.
6. We should help build a peaceful, fair, and free world.
7. We need to take care of the earth.

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### Mission Statement

**In an environment of loving and learning we encourage spiritual growth through a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.**

Welcome to the new LRE year. We are entering the second and final year of Rev. Killoran's interim ministry with us. The search committee is diligently working towards identifying candidates for a settled minister. Our spiritual journey continues in the midst of all this busy-ness, as well as all the ministries, including religious education, which are crucial to the health and growth of our congregation. I am entering my 7<sup>th</sup> year serving as religious educator. My family and I have been attending UUFVB since we moved to Vero Beach in 1999 because we value being part of an open-minded, non-creedal community that encourages each individual's search for meaning and reminds them of their responsibility to themselves, others and the Earth. Our religious education programs strive to share this message with our children. LRE programs not only explore religious ideas, UU history and principles, but also provide opportunities for social action in developmentally appropriate ways. Thank you to all the volunteers who work with our children and youth. As we teach, we learn. May this year together bring many opportunities for growth, teaching and learning.

*Claudia Jiménez*



## Elementary Program (K-6)

This year we have two themes: UU history and dealing with conflict. Our youngest UUs will use the curriculum "UU Superheroes." They will learn about individuals like King Sigismund, Sophia Fahs and Clara Barton, Unitarians, Universalist or UUs who acted with courage and wisdom to help make the world a better place. They will also discuss how to resolve conflicts and learn peacemaking skills as they practice solving problems. Through stories such as "Enemy Pie," "War and Peas" and "The Hating Book" children will discuss issues related to conflict resolution and the challenges of relationships.



## Middle and High School Youth Program

The older youth will continue to meet with youth advisors. Roger and Maria Sobkowiak, for the monthly "M&Ms – Munchkins & Musings" covenant group. They will also explore creativity and spirituality using the curriculum "You the Creator." Session topics for the fall include "Thinking of Myths," "Religion and Creativity" and "Creating People and Gods." This curriculum encourages youth to see themselves as creators, and as one of the positive creative forces in the world.



## All-age Sessions

All-age monthly sessions to develop and carry out social justice projects will continue to be offered. On holiday weekends, "Game Days" will usually be offered for families that are in town. These Sundays are informal, and an opportunity for community building across the ages as children play different types of cooperative games.