

Learning Community e-News



Sunday, March 3, 2024

Dear Ones,



Last month was a dear friend's birthday. I had the honor of hosting a dinner for our households, a total of 11 people. I love cooking and hosting!

Except...our group had two pescarations, one person each with an allergy to dairy, fish, and soy, and two gluten free folks. One of my kids heard me musing about menu "difficulties" and inquired, "Who's the difficult one?" Hearing my words in someone else's mouth stopped me in my tracks. It was a culinary challenge, sure, but no one was being bothersome on purpose.

I shifted my mindset from "difficulty" to one of creativity and exploration. Of coming together as a body containing diversity.

March's theme is pluralism, which means being in community even as we are different from one another. The Pluralism Project defines pluralism as more than tolerating difference. Pluralism (especially the religious kind) is "an ethic for living together," and "the real encounter of commitments."

I was committed to a shared meal! So, I dug out my recipe for koshari, an Egyptian street food my spouse loved while living there long ago and eventually asked me to learn to make. I mix my own spices for the tomato sauce, which simmers for days on the stove, perfuming the house gloriously. It was a huge hit at the party, where everyone ate together.

How do you and your family live out your version(s) of pluralism? I'd love to know. Drop me a line!

With gratitude for being together
in difference,

Leah



March 3

Start in the sanctuary for Together Time at 10:30 AM

RE ends at 12:00 PM

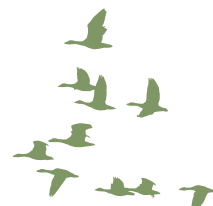
Nursery/Toddlers (A103): A loving, playful space for little ones 6 months to 3 years old. Drop off and pick up anytime. (Rhionne & Milena)

Preschool (A106): What does  feel like? (Mindy, Sylvia & Kay)

K-1st Grade (A200): Inside our miraculous bodies. Info sheets and consent forms available for new families for our Bodies As Home sessions. (Evie, Sharon, & Kris)

2nd-3rd-4th Grade (B202 & B203): Game Day. (Robert & Miranda)

5th-6th Grade (B201): For the Birds. (Christa & Mr. Lee)



7th-8th Grade OWL (B302 & B303): No Together Time! Class starts at 10:30. Sexually Transmitted Infections: This workshop takes a unique social justice approach by reinforcing the following values: healthy sexual relationships are safe (i.e., they offer no or low risk of unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, and emotional pain); all persons have the right and obligation to make responsible sexual choices; and individuals are responsible for caring for their own sexual health and promoting the wellbeing of their partners, friends, and loved ones. (Sierra & Summer, Vivien & Christopher)

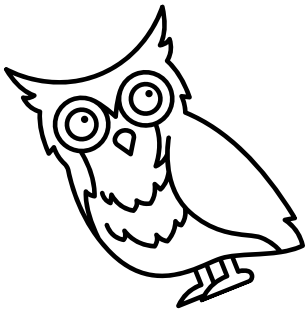
YRUU (A108): Interdependence (Faith & Andrew)





Together Time

THIS SUNDAY - ALL AGES EXCEPT NURSERY/TODDLER AND 7TH-8TH GRADE OWL START IN THE SANCTUARY



4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Families:

GET READY FOR SPRING 4-6 GRADE OWL!
Click [here](#) for more information



Good Links to Know

Please [sign up](#) to bring snacks a few times this year

Get the [Front Steps](#), the all church weekly newsletter

[Watch the worship service](#) live or during the week



Monthly spiritual theme:

PLURALISM



Keep in touch!

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