

Learning Community E-News



Sunday, April 21, 2024

Dear Ones,

At our weekly staff meeting, we share openings—some reading, song, or comedy clip to gather us as together we approach our church work. In honor of our interdependence theme, administrator Kathryn Esty shared a poem by Janet Wong from Wong's Declaration of Independence.

A good poem needs no special platform! Its place is to be read on the phone on MAX, murmured to a beloved at bedtime, or listened to on the radio with someone else's intonations. One of my favorite ways to encounter a great little read like this one is to offer it as a blessing before a meal. Give it a try if you're so inclined:

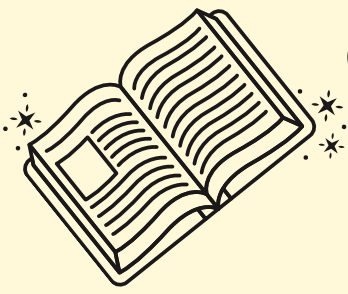
Liberty by Janet Wong

I pledge acceptance
of the views, so different,
that make us America

To listen, to look, to think, and to learn
One people sharing the earth
responsible for liberty
and justice for all.

Love,
Leah

P.S. If you missed our annual YRUU service, check it out [here](#).



Together Time

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

April 21st RE classes

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): We are UU! We believe in citizenship and protecting our environment. (Jody, Sylvia, Levi & Emma)

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

2nd-3rd-4th Grade (B202 & B203): Love for all creatures. (Robert & Robin, Miranda & Katy)

5th-6th Grade (B201): "Amidst a sea of black umbrellas, one red and one blue umbrella stand out..." (Christa & Joel)

7th-8th Grade OWL (B302 & B303): No Together Time! Class starts at 10:30. Contraception and Safer Sex: Careful, consistent use of protection against pregnancy and STIs can make sexual behavior more caring and responsible. Practice evaluating behaviors and their risk for unintended pregnancies and STIs, in an affirming and accepting atmosphere that promotes personal responsibility and planning for the consequences of sexual behavior. (Sierra, Christopher & Summer)

YRUU (A108): Debrief last week's WONDERFUL service; celebrate with vegan donuts, and work on art for the earth fair. (Faith & Andrew)

Calling all young people who love to sing!

Help us make music at the Earth Fair,
led by John and Cynthia Boelling with the Uke Ensemble.
One rehearsal 4/28 at 9:15 am;
performance after the service.



**For details, to hear the song we will perform, and to
RSVP by 4/22, click [here](#).**

12-2:30 pm, 4/28 All Ages

Love Your Mother Earth Day Fair

Come for music, poetry, art and crafting, seed ball making, and learning about our watersheds, native plants, organic food growing, pruning, climate mitigation policies, and electrification. Bring cash for the YRUU vegan donut fundraiser and other spending opportunities!



4th-6th Grade OWL - Week 2 (this Sunday)

Lead by Jonah and EM (B302)

Bring your own family lunch at 12:15 pm if you like! **Class goes from 12:45 to 3:00 pm.** This class will cover sexuality values, images in popular culture, and body image. You must have already registered to attend; let Leah know if you are interested in upcoming OWL opportunities for any age!

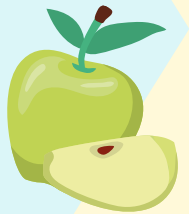


Good Links to Know

Please sign up to bring snacks a few times this year

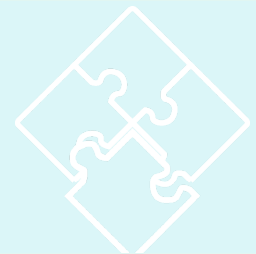
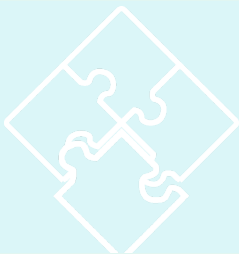
Get the Front Steps, the all church weekly newsletter

Watch the worship service live or during the week



Monthly spiritual theme:

INTERDEPENDENCE



Keep in touch!

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