



# YRUU



## Young Religious Unitarian Universalists

It is the stated mission of **YRUU** (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) at UUMAN to;

*Create a loving, supportive community where we as youth & adults can become more aware of ourselves and others through Spirituality, Education, Leadership, Fellowship and Social Action, affirming the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism.*

Youth activities at UUMAN are youth driven. As a UU's we are committed to creating a Faith Community where individuals can flourish & where relationships are built on firm foundations of Love & Justice.

Our ministry with youth is governed by a **Youth Adult Committee (YAC)**, with the support of our MCY Council, DMCY, Youth Advisors, Parents & our entire church community.

Middle & High School Youth Groups plan, organize & participate in a number of activities which include regular Sunday morning meetings, outings (skating, bowling etc.), 'lock-ins', social action projects, weekend youth conferences (Cons.), 'Coming of Age' & 'Our Whole Lives' Sexuality Education programs. The Youth also plan & present an Annual 'Youth Service' for our congregation every year.

In typical UUMAN tradition, we are a group with 'Open Hearts, Open Minds & **Open Arms**'! We offer a warm welcome and a safe place to work, play & grow!



## REGISTRATION & FEES

If your family participates regularly in our MCY, we ask that you complete a **Family Enrollment Form**. This is one way in which we enter into an agreement with one another as we build our shared ministry together.

We believe that the Faith Development of our children is the responsibility of the entire congregation. We request a voluntary donation of \$40 or more per child for MCY enrollment. **We encourage families to provide strong financial support to UUMAN through their annual pledge.** With the support of our entire community we are able to provide professional staff, training, clean & attractive meeting spaces, meaningful curricula, & general program supplies.

*Please see the Director of our MCY if you are interested in hearing about our scholarship or 'payment plan' options.*



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## UUMAN



## MCY

### Ministry with Children & Youth

### MCY VISION & MISSION

*Within UUMAN's MCY, we have articulated a vision of an inclusive, intentional community of young people & adults journeying together on a path of faith development where our relationships allow for mutual transformation.*

Our mission is to join one another in a shared ministry that affirms the inherent human dignity of each member of our community.

Our goal is to build a relational ministry that supports & celebrates the development of each person's unique personality & gifts whilst being responsive to the needs of the ministry as well as those of the larger community. The diverse programs & activities that we offer provide many choices & opportunities for growth & transformation.

We are committed to a process that allows for the creation of a physically and emotionally safe environment where our UU Principles can be both lived and demonstrated.

UUMAN's MCY actively seeks & welcomes the input & participation of the entire congregation as we share the mutual benefits of worshipping, playing, serving, learning & growing together.

## Welcome!

We are delighted that you are interested in UUMAN's Ministry with Children & Youth (MCY). We serve a diverse community of families with young people from infancy through high school.

We hope that you will find your experience with us meaningful. We appreciate the time that we will spend together & look forward to hearing your feedback.

## Religious Exploration

*"The great end in Religious Education is not to stamp our minds upon the young, but to stir up their own. Not to make them see with our eyes, but to look inquiringly with their own... Not to impose religion upon them in the form of arbitrary rules, but to awaken the conscience, the moral discernment. In a word, the great end is to awaken the soul, to excite and cherish spiritual life"*

**William Ellery Channing**

**Religious Exploration (RE) Teams** (*young people & adults*) meet on Sunday mornings in groups where they share experiences designed to support their relationships & faith development. We use age appropriate curricula and materials that have been thoughtfully developed by both established UU Religious Educators & other independent authors.

Our adult **RE Team Leaders** are volunteers. We are fortunate to have a community that supports Lifespan Faith Development with a special commitment to our young people & families. MCY volunteers are supported by an MCY Council & Director of our MCY.

*"The teacher [parent, person] who listens and hears, who affirms and challenges, who questions and encourages questioning is at the heart of our programs... We must make manifest the miracle that we know happens when teacher-guides engage with young people, co-leaders and themselves. They become co-creators of a pilgrimage that goes ever deeper and feeds souls."*

**The Teacher as Spiritual Guide, Roberta Nelson**



**We are guided by our understanding of the Faith Development of Children & Youth. It is our intention to develop & offer experiences that support our Ministry through age appropriate Religious Exploration & Youth Programming.**

### Nursery, Toddlers & Preschool (Newborn—4 year olds)

I am seen. I am safe. Church is a family.  
I am loved.

### Early Elementary (Pre-K & Kindergarten) & (Gr 1-3)

Church is a place where we can ask questions about the world and about life. I can explore along with others to discover answers. Church is a family.  
I am loved.

### Upper Elementary (Gr 4&5)

Being UU matters. Principles guide us. Our Sources inform us. I can search for what is meaningful for me. I am part of something bigger than myself. I make a difference.  
I am loved.

### Junior Youth & 'Coming of Age' (Gr 6&7) & (Gr 8&9)

All forms of religious expression have value. I continue to search for what is meaningful for me. I am just right as I am. I can think about and articulate what I believe right now (*though it will continue to develop throughout my life*). Our Church Community will celebrate my Faith with me.  
I am loved.

### Senior Youth (High School)

Being UU means being in authentic Community. How we live in the world and how we treat one another matters. I have a lot to give to our Community, our Faith & to the world.  
I am loved.

## A Typical Year...

### Fall Session

*Mid August*— 'Ingathering' Intergenerational Service  
RE Program Year begins  
MCY Volunteer Training  
*Late September*—YRUU Fall Retreat  
*Late October*— 'Trick or Treat' for UNicef & Halloween Haunted House  
*Late November*—Thanksgiving Intergenerational Service & 'Guest at your Table'

### Winter Inter-Session

*Late November to late December*  
Holiday Pageant Preparation  
Winter Holiday Party!  
Christmas Eve Family Service

### Spring Session

*Early January*— Spring RE session begins  
'Secret Friends' Kick-off  
MCY Volunteer Appreciation  
*Late January*—MSD RE Summit  
*Mid February*—Youth Valentine's Dance  
'Secret Friends' reveal & party  
*Early March*— UUA Renaissance Module training  
*March or April*—Passover Seder  
Children's Egg Hunt & party  
*May*— 'Coming of Age' Celebration dinner  
MCY Appreciation Service

### Summer Session

*Early June to mid August*  
Themed multi-aged activities  
*July*—'RE Week' at The Mountain

