



Kid's Page

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To: The church's young people and their families

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CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Here are the plans for April 13:

Babies – 3's will have story time and sharing time, snack, and play time.

Pre-K – 1st Grade will get another turn to work on chalice art in our art studio.

2nd/3rd Grade will play a game called "Two People, One Orange" to practice a way of solving problems.



4th/5th grade will celebrate the life of **Tim Berners-Lee**-- a Unitarian Universalist who has made an important contribution to the world in the field of computer science—by having a *Take Apart Party*.

Middle School will figure out the "right" solution to some problems-- What would *you* do? What would *your friends* do? What would *a minister* do?

8th Grade and **Senior High** will meet for a *Chalice Circle* discussion about humor.

JUST FOR FUN

Teacher: What an interesting pair of socks you're wearing-- one is green and the other is blue with red spots!!

Student: What's so interesting? I have another pair just like them, at home!



WE LIGHT OUR CHALICE...



Thanks to **Isabella Falsetti**, who, with her mom, Sherry, lit our chalice upstairs on Sunday, before the story for all ages.

Here are the words Isabella wrote and shared:

"I really enjoy learning about treating people the way you would want to be treated. It makes me a more caring and loving person. I have liked getting to be a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church. Just for those of you that are new, this is a very nice church. (I am a six year old girl and soon to be seven!)"

POETRY CORNER

Under the Ground

by Rhoda W. Bacmeister

What is under the grass,
Way down in the ground,
Where everything is cool and wet
With darkness all around?

Little pink worms live there;
Ants and brown bugs creep
Softly round the stones and rocks
Where roots are pushing deep.



Do they hear us walking
On the grass above their heads;
Hear us running over
While they snuggle in their beds?

COLLEEN'S COLUMN

What is money for?



Money helps us buy things. The adults in your family probably buy all, or at least most, of the things you *need*, including food, clothes, and a place to live. So if you have any money of your own, you probably spend it on things you *want*, like CD's or DVD's, lunch at McDonald's, or special jeans.

But most people in our church don't spend all their money on themselves. They are lucky enough to have more than enough money to pay for what they and their families need (and many things they want). So they give some of their money away, to help people who don't have much money, and also to support groups that are working to make our world a better place.

We wouldn't have a church unless the members of our church were willing to give us some of their money. (And we hope this church is one of those groups that does good things in the world!) Every year around this time, we ask our adult members how much money they want to give the church in the coming year. Getting donations from families like yours means the church can pay phone, electricity, and snow plowing bills; hire people to work at the church (including me!); and buy magic markers, name tags, stamps, and other supplies, without having to sell tickets every Sunday to everyone who wants to come to church!

This year we have also invited those of you in the Pre-K – 4th/5th grade classes to bring money for an offering during Children's Chapel. Our goal was to raise \$90 to buy trees and bees for *Heifer International*, a group that's working to solve the problem of hunger. Because we have raised more than \$90, we will be taking a vote in Children's Chapel about where you want to give the extra money.

We have until April 27 to raise a little more money and decide how to spend it. I want *your* ideas. Please bring them to Chapel so the group can get ready to vote.

Love,
Colleen

PARENTS CORNER

How to Praise Your Child(ren)

"When a child gets a great grade on a paper, resist the urge to say, 'You're brilliant.' Instead say, 'Your hard work has paid off.' Be specific: 'It's great that you connected X to Y.' Or ask a question that focuses attention on the thinking: 'How did you figure out this answer?' If you praise kids' intelligence and then they fail at something, they think they're not smart any more, and they lose interest in schoolwork. But kids praised for effort get energized in the face of difficulty."

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Hara Estroff Marano, Psychology Today, March/April 2008

BOOK CORNER

What can you learn by studying the night sky? Observing animals in the wild? Searching for fossils? Exploring caves?

By following their curiosity, people throughout history have made important discoveries that have helped us better understand the world around us.

The Sky's the Limit: Stories of Discovery by Women and Girls by Catherine Thimmesh will introduce you to some of these fascinating "explorers." Look for this chapter book in the Kids Corner of our church library.

