

**Prairie Circle UU Congregation**  
**August 30, 2009**  
**\*\* Religious Education Program News \*\***

The members of the Religious Education Committee and the Director of Religious Education are especially excited about the upcoming school year. We have carefully chosen the theme of World Religions and have laid out a plan that will not only provide for the attainment of knowledge about those many faiths with which we share our world, but also the application of understanding, the growth of tolerance and the goal of peaceful coexistence with loving respect.

By understanding more about how others believe, and purposefully discovering the commonalities of all belief systems, we can truly live the principles of our Unitarian Universalist faith including honoring the inherent worth and dignity of every person, maintaining justice, equity and compassion in human relations, acceptance of one another's spiritual growth, supporting a free and responsible search for truth and meaning and building a world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.

**This Month in Children's RE**

**08/30/09 – Program Introduction – Many People, Many Faiths**

This is the first class in our school year program on World Religions.

Discussion questions will include:

- What is a religion?
- How many different religions can you name?
- Why do you think there are so many different religions throughout the world?
- What factors may have influenced different systems in belief in different parts of the world?
- Why are there so many different religions in our Country?

We will use word and matching games to explore the names and symbolism of several religions.

**09/06/09 – Intergenerational Service Practice Day & PCPSA Meeting**

Prepare for Water Communion Service

**09/13/09 – Intergenerational Service – No RE Classes (Nursery Available)**

Celebrating Water Communion

**09/20/09 – Unitarian Universalism – What UUs Believe**

**09/27/09 – Unitarian Universalism – Creating a Commonality Chart**

Please feel free to visit our website for information regarding our full school calendar of topics. If you have any questions, concerns, please feel free to contact me at 847-871-7049 or via email at [re@prairiecircleeuuc.org](mailto:re@prairiecircleeuuc.org).

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