

**Prairie Circle UU Congregation**  
**September 6, 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**

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

*'Preparing for Water Communion Intergenerational Service'*

To help the children better understand and more fully partake in the upcoming intergenerational service, today we will:

- Explore the meaning of 'communion', its different uses in religion and society; how and why we as UU's celebrate 'Water Communion'?
- While discussing the service theme of seeds, water and growth, we will create rain-sticks and mosaic art which will be used in our service.

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

*'Celebrating Water Communion'*

- Don't forget to bring your water from home.

**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@prairiecircleuuc.org](mailto:re@prairiecircleuuc.org).

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