

4th & 5th Grade  
RE Calendar 2017-2018

9/10	<b>Intergenerational-RE Open House &amp; Registration</b>
9/17	#1 Looking In/Looking Out
9/24	#2 Me & Faith Community
10/1	Traditional Communion: 4th-12th remain in worship
10/8	<b>Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care</b>
10/15	PK-5th World Religion workshop
10/22	#3 Love alike without thinking alike
10/29	<b>Intergenerational Service</b>
11/5	#4 Building a Community of Forgiveness
11/12	<b>Intergenerational: Leaf Raking Sunday</b>
11/19	#5 The Blessing of Imperfection
11/26	#6 All Ages Offer Gifts
12/3	Traditional Communion: 4th-12th remain in worship
12/10	PK-5th Holiday Lesson- Hanukkah
12/17	<b>Intergenerational- Christmas Pageant</b>
12/24	PK-5th Holiday Lesson- Christmas
12/31	#7 Let's Talk
1/7	PK-5th Group Lesson
1/14	#8 Eyes on the Prize
1/21	PK-5th Social Justice workshop
1/28	<b>Intergenerational Service</b>
2/4	<b>Intergenerational Service</b>
2/11	#9 Lean on Me
2/18	<b>Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care</b>
2/25	#10 Service is the Rent we Pay for Living
3/4	<b>Intergenerational-Drumming Service</b>
3/11	#11 Privilege is a Blessing
3/18	#12 Images of Injustice
3/25	PK-5th Holiday Lesson- Passover
4/1	<b>Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care</b>
4/8	#13 All Work has Honor
4/15	PK-5th Group Lesson
4/22	#14 Choose to be UU
4/29	PK-5th World Religion workshop
5/6	<b>Intergenerational: Music Sunday</b>
5/13	PK-5th Group Lesson
5/20	Review/ RE Sunday Prep
5/27	<b>Holiday NO RE Classes / NO Nursery Care</b>
6/3	Traditional Communion: 4th-12th remain in worship
6/10	<b>RE Sunday &amp; Picnic Celebration</b>

In RE we Respect Everyone:

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Religious  
Education

A Cooperative Program

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*Two Volunteer Teachers needed each Sunday*  
*4th/5th lesson folders are in **Room #4***  
*Lessons can also be viewed on-line*  
<http://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/windows>  
<http://firstparishwestford.org/religious-education/>

# 4th & 5th Grade Curriculum Info

The following 2 UU curriculums are cycled every other year:

**1. Toolbox of Faith** invites students to reflect on the qualities of our Unitarian Universalist faith, such as integrity, courage, and love, as tools they can use in living their lives and building their own faith. Each of the sessions uses a tool as a metaphor for an important quality of our faith such as reflection (symbolized by a mirror), flexibility (duct tape), and justice (a flashlight). Reflecting on the qualities (tools) of our faith, children and leaders gain insight into what makes faith important in their own lives and how they can grow within that faith.

In the *Toolbox of Faith*, students will learn how to play the Cloak and Dagger game, how to make a compass and a duct tape lunch bag, and what Athenian ostracism meant in Classical Greece (it's like being "voted off the island," 4000 years ago!) The students will hear intriguing, thought provoking stories about some of the important qualities of our faith, and have 'Council Circle' discussions to reflect on how we live our Unitarian Universalist faith in our everyday lives.

## **2. Windows & Mirrors:** **A Tapestry of Faith Program for Children.**

*"Mirrors in which they can see themselves,  
windows in which they can see the world."  
-Lucille Clifton*

This curriculum nurtures student's ability to identify their own experiences and perspectives and to seek out, care about and respect those of others. This program teaches that there are always multiple viewpoints and everyone's viewpoint matters and presents UU as a faith that is lived through identifying and acting on responsibility toward one another.

The metaphor of windows and mirrors represents the dynamic relationship among our awareness of self, our perceptions of others, and others' perceptions of us. Students will begin by exploring how their own individuality creates the "Lens" through which we all view others. In time, students will develop a heightened awareness of how they bring their own lenses to diverse experiences outside themselves. Students will also be introduced to the reality and the impact of multiple perspectives and multiple experiences as we live in this world through the lesson's central stories and activities.

This year 4th & 5th grade  
will be using:

*Windows & Mirrors*

4th & 5th grade  
students are welcome to  
stay and participate in the  
Worship Service on the  
days of  
Traditional  
Communion~

Oct 1, 2017

Dec 3, 2017

Feb 4, 2018

Jun 3, 2018

4th/5th grade will not have  
RE class on these days.

