



Dear families and friends, As we move into **July**, our Religious Education program will continue learning outdoors as we work together to transform our grounds into a **Summer Home We Share**. This month we will be exploring our UU Big Ideas **Love**, **Interdependence**, **Justice**, and **Equity**. Weather permitting, we will **gather activities** that invite creativity, curiosity, and connection through art, experiments, and friendship-building. We can't wait to continue this **joyful journey** of learning, creating, and **growing together** in a space where all can flourish.

## JULY NEWSLETTER HUMAN NATURE BEING HUMAN

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**WE SHOW LOVE BY WHAT WE DO. LOVE IS AT THE CENTER OF ALL WE DO.**

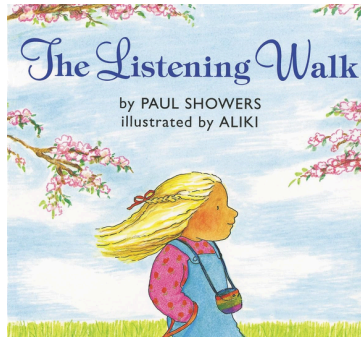


Book: "Love Makes a Family" by Sophie Beer

### Questions:

- What are some actions that show love for other people, for our community, or for the world?
- How we treat each other is the most important thing about being part of a church. We show our love by what we do.
- Love for family is one kind of love. What are some others?

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**EVERY LIVING CREATURE IS PART OF THE WEB OF LIFE AND HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY.**



Book: "The Listening Walk" by Paul Showers

### Questions:

- How does paying attention with our senses help us show love to the world?
- What do you notice with your senses that shows how everything here depends on everything else?
- What did you sense today that reminded you we're all connected?

**Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**WE ARE STRONGER WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER.**

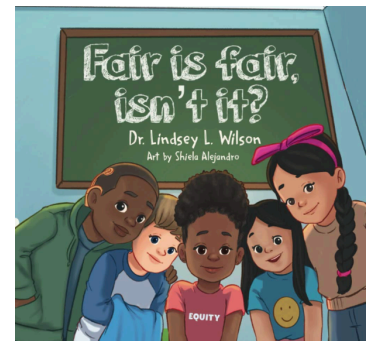


Book: "The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss

### Questions:

- How does it feel when you are affected by something and you try to share your story like the Lorax but nobody listens to you?
- How does it feel when you are affected by something and you share your story and people listen and ask how they can help?

**Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**FAIR IS EVERYONE GETTING WHAT THEY NEED.**



Book "Fair is Fair, Isn't it?" by Dr. Lindsey L. Wilson

### Questions:

- Why was that "fair is fair"?
- What other examples can you think of where someone is treated differently and it is fair?
- If we think of the differences amongst us is there a way to create spaces in our summer home so that everyone gets what they need?

## SUMMER HIKES!!

Join other UU families and friends for a series of hikes designed for all ages and abilities as we explore the beauty of nature together.

7/11- Laughing Brook, Hampden

7/18- Sanderson Brook Falls, Chester

7/25- Rice Nature Preserves, Wilbaham  
8/01- Tekoa Mountain, Westfield

8/15- Mittineague Park, West Springfield

8/22- Granville Gorge, Southwick

8/29- UUSGS (home base!) Springfield

## SUMMER FUN AFTER SUPPER

6:30-7:30pm

7/08- Game Night  
Adult Improv Jam  
Build Your Own Theology  
OWL Class

7/15-Family Improv Jam  
Build Your Own Theology  
OWL Class

7/22-Everybody Sings!  
Build Your Own Theology

## SUMMER BOOK CLUB

The FM Committee is sponsoring two summer Book Club Discussion Groups.

Join members of family ministry to discuss how these books relate to our children and future



How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, and Listen so Kids Will Talk

Weds

07/29

6:30-7:30



See No Stranger A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love

Weds

08/19

6:30-7:30