

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

PLURALISM

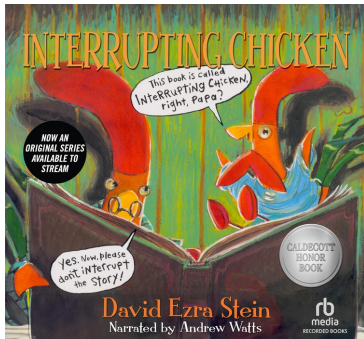
BEING HUMAN TOGETHER



Dear families and friends, As we move into **August**, 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 Idea **Being Human**, with a focus on **Plurality** and **Being Human Together**. Weather permitting, we will gather **outside** for ritual, a quick discussion, and **GAMES** that invite creativity, curiosity, and connection through social interaction, fun challenges 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.

Sunday, Aug 2nd

WE LISTEN TO EACH OTHER WITH CURIOSITY AND RESPECT



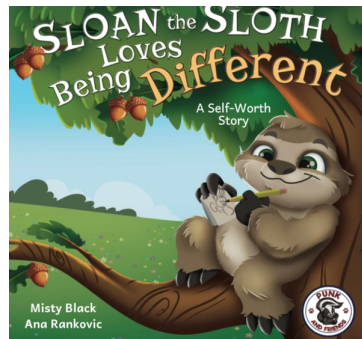
Book "Interrupting Chicken" – David Ezra Stein

Questions:

- How do you feel when you are interrupted?
- Are there ever any times that it is okay to interrupt?
- How can you show you are listening with curiosity and respect?

Sunday, Aug 9th

THERE'S ROOM FOR MANY DIFFERENT INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE AND PATHS IN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM



Book "Sloan the Sloth Loves Being Different" – Misty Black

Questions:

- How does it feel to be similar to your peers? How does it feel to be different from your peers?
- What are some ways we can celebrate our own unique differences without comparing ourselves to others?
- Should we value others differences?

Sunday, August 16th

WE ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER



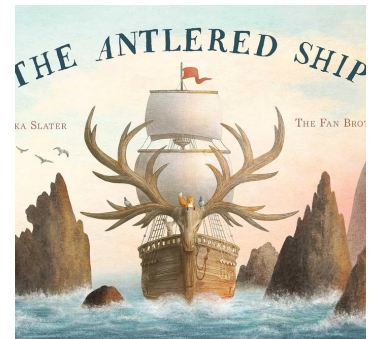
Book "The Whatifs" by Emily Kilgore

Questions:

- How often do you ask yourself negative "whatif" questions? How often do you ask yourself positive "whatif" questions? Is there balance?
- What are some ways we can encourage ourselves?
- What are ways we can encourage each other?

Sunday, August 23rd

WE APPROACH EACH OTHER AND LISTEN WITH CURIOSITY



Book "The Antlered Ship" by Dasha Slater

Questions:

- Does it take courage to be curious? When was a time you had to build up courage and lead with curiosity?
- What are some ways we can build on our curiosity for the earth? What about humans?

SUMMER HIKES!!

Join other UU families and friends at 10am for a series of hikes designed for all ages and abilities as we explore the beauty of nature together.

8/01- Tekoa Mountain, Westfield

8/15- Mittineague Park, West Springfield

8/22- Granville Gorge, Southwick

8/29- Pancake Party!

Bring your favorite toppings and connect with other families as we celebrate the transitions ahead.

BOOK CLUB

See No Stranger A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love
Weds 08/19 6:30-7:30



Blessing of the Backpacks

AFTER SUPPER FUN WEDS 6:30-7:30 August 5th -

Everybody Sings!, Build Your Own Theology, and OWL Class (preregister)

August 12th -

Family Ministry Meeting, Family Improv, Build Your Own Theology

August 19th -

Build Your Own Theology, Book Club: See No Stranger

Sunday 8/23 Bring your backpack to service for a blessing

TIME FOR ALL AGES Sunday, August 30th

The last Sunday of every month is "Time for All Ages." This is when children start in the sanctuary for worship and a story and are then sung out to class.

We try to find ways for everyone in our church or community to get what they need.



SHOWCASE

Families are invited to donate a special snack in celebration of all the hard work the kids have put into building the Summer Home WE Share.