



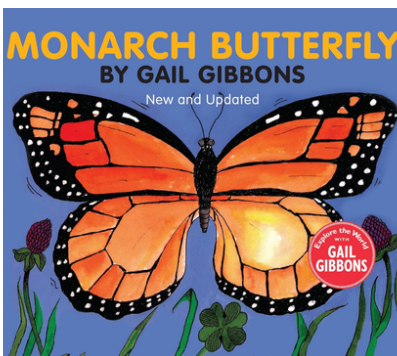
SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER BEGINNINGS

Dear families and friends, As we move into **September**, our Religious Education program will continue learning and exploring outdoors as we tend and grow together in our **Pollinator Garden**. This month, we're diving into our UU Big Idea of **Beginnings** — with a focus on **transformation** and **justice**, and how new starts invite us to imagine a more caring world.

Weather permitting, we'll gather **outside** for a grounding ritual, a brief discussion, and **hands-on** gardening that sparks creativity, curiosity, and connection. Children will engage in social interaction, fun challenges, and **friendship-building** as they discover how even small acts of care can help a whole ecosystem flourish.

We can't wait to continue this **joyful journey** of learning, creating, and growing together in a space where every person — and **every creature** — can thrive.

Sunday, Sept 6th
**WE ARE ALWAYS GROWING
AND LEARNING**



Book "Monarch Butterfly"
by Gail Gibbons

Questions:

- Can you think of a time when growth started a new beginning for you?
- What is something you have seen grow? How long did it take?
- Do you ever wonder if an end is just the beginning of something new?

Sunday, Sept 13th
**GROW, EXPLORE, AND
BECOME SOMETHING NEW**

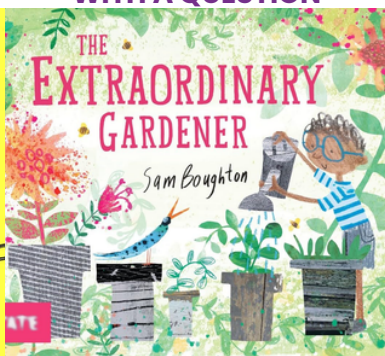


Book "Gotta Go! Gotta Go!"
by Sam Sworpe

Questions:

- What transformations do butterflies go through?
- Have you ever been called to go on an adventure?
- How do you make friends while on an adventure?
- If you could adventure anywhere in the world, where would you adventure to?

Sunday, Sept 20th
**EVERY ADVENTURE BEGINS
WITH A QUESTION**

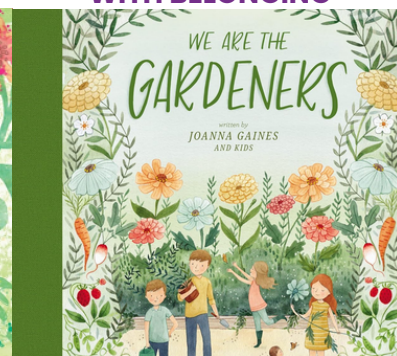


Book "The Extraordinary Gardener"
by Sam Boughton

Questions:

- What do you imagine being extraordinary about our Pollinator Garden?
- How can we use our imagination to create an extraordinary garden?
- What can we add to our garden that will spark curiosity in others?

Sunday, Sept 27th
**EVERY COMMUNITY BEGINS
WITH BELONGING**



Book "We are the Gardeners"
by Joanna Gaines

Questions:

- Do you consider yourself a gardener?
- What are some differences between our pollinator garden and the garden in the story?
- What are important things we should share with others during our garden tour?

SAVE THE DATES!

**Family Ministry Program
Orientation**

SEPT Sunday **20th** in person
Time TBD
SEPT Tuesday **22nd** virtual

FAMILY MIXERS

You're invited to family focused casual hang outs hosted by The Family Ministry Committee.
Email/call for more info or to RSVP
erin@uuspringfield.org

SEPT Saturday **19th** 1:00pm-4:00pm UUSGS
OCT Saturday **17th**

Fall Fest

FALLFEST COMING SOON!

SAVE THE DATES: October 2nd & 3rd!
As we kick off fall programming, We'll be hosting a 2 day celebration with music, games, food, and more right on the UUSGS meeting house grounds! Right now, we're in the planning phase but would love to get you involved! If you have something you'd like to offer, perform, share, or volunteer on preparation and set-up, please **contact Darcie and Erin!**

GARDEN TOUR

Sunday, Sept 27th

Our RE children have been hard at work in our Pollinator Garden, and they're excited to share what they've grown. After worship, everyone is invited to join us outdoors for a guided garden tour.

To help make this a joyful community moment, we welcome refreshment donations from parents — fruit, small snacks, or light beverages are perfect for a simple, kid-friendly gathering.

Thank you for supporting our young gardeners as they learn, lead, and help our community flourish.