



Connecting...

- **Multigenerational Worship:** We celebrate together in ritual, story, and song at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Youth Group Led Sunday, RE Celebration Sunday once a month.
- **Social Justice:** Advocate, educate, organize, serve, and witness in our many efforts that make us a beacon of social justice in Fairfield County and beyond.
- **Choir:** Everyone interested in music can find a place to get involved under the great leadership of our Minister of Music. In addition to various adult choirs we also have a teen choir and a children's choir.
- **Small Group Ministry:** Meet once a month in a small group to share journeys, listen deeply, and learn from the experiences of others in a facilitated topic conversation.
- **Family Connections:** We encourage families to meet up for potluck dinners, games, music, and holiday fun throughout the year.
- **And many other opportunities:** Mention your interest or what you hope to find and it most likely exists, or you can help create the experience.

Lifespan Faith Development

Leadership Council Contact:

As of May 3, 2016

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"The great end in religious instruction is not to stamp our minds irresistibly on the yo but to stir up their own."

- William Ellery Channing



Faith Formation for a lifetime

contemplates the wisdom and meaning of religions in a community that respects the w and dignity of every person at

The Unitarian Church in Westport

10 Lyons Plains Road, Westport, CT 06880(2
227-7205 - www.uwestport.org

September to May services at 9am & 11am

Religious Education Classes:

Nursery-3rd Grade at 9am & 11am

4th-12th Grade at 11am

Memorial Day through Labor Day, story and play for Pre- K-3 at 10am during services

Welcome!

We invite you and your children to visit us. After four visits and when you decide this is your congregation, please contact the RE office for RE registration.

We affirm Seven Principles:



...and draw inspiration from Six Sources:

- Direct experience of mystery and wonder,
- Humanist teaching (the use of reason & the scientific process),
- Jewish & Christian teachings (our historic roots),
- World Religions (the many paths of spiritual and ethical living),
- Earth centered traditions that call us into harmony with the rhythms of nature,
- Prophetic Women and Men who call us to work for justice with love.

We utilize www.uua.org's Tapestry of Faith curricula and create RE programming related to our population.

Children's Affirmation:

We are Unitarian Universalists. We believe in open minds, loving hearts and helping hands



Nursery and Pre-K: Celebrating Me + My World

This program is designed to nurture children's spiritual growth, creativity, and connection to the UU community in an age appropriate way

K – 3rd Grade: UU Explorers

This program invites participants to learn about our UU faith as well as the stories and celebrations from our six sources. Sessions celebrate human diversity and seek to engage us in intercultural competency and respect for others.



4th-5th Grade:

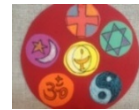
Heart Talk / Toolbox of Faith

Heart Talk participants experience ways to promote non-violence and empathy. What tools does Unitarian Universalism offer for the challenges of life? Children discover what aspects of UU faith are helpful to them, developing a toolbox of faith.

6th-7th Grade:

Building Bridges

Building Bridges (updated Neighboring Faiths) explores religious diversity in our world through visiting other faith communities and worshipping with them.



8th Grade:

Coming of Age (COA)

Coming of age is a preparation year for a rite of passage in the 9th grade (when they write & present a credo statement). CoA asks youth to reflect upon: what it means to be a UU, their spirituality and values, and how they will be involved in the greater community.



9th-12th Grade: Youth Group

Teens meet in a comfortable setting to explore and share together their questions about many topics such as life, relationships, spirituality, and social justice.



Adult Education Offerings

Adult Ed offerings are listed in our Soundings newsletter, the bulletin board in the foyer, and if you have questions, contact adulted@uwestport.org or go to Realm group to sign up.

Adult Affirmation:

*Love is the spirit of this church
and service its law;
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.*

Volunteering and Safe Congregations

Our program is a cooperative and is facilitated by car volunteers who receive as much spiritual growth and learning alongside the children and youth.

We take seriously the responsibility of assuring the safety of our children and youth. We encourage your involvement but ask that you experience our congregation for one year before applying to teach. Teachers and advisors must fill out and sign Safe Congregation forms. We have two unrelated teens or adults in the classroom at all times. Our full Safer Congregations Form can be found at:

http://uwestport.org/images/stories/docs/SafeCongregation_2013.pdf

Our Mission Statement

The Unitarian Church in Westport is a diverse and welcoming religious community, free of creed and dogma, and open to people of all backgrounds and beliefs.

WE **INSPIRE** and support individual spiritual growth
WE **CONNECT** through worship, music, learning, and caring ministries.

WE **ACT** in the service of peace and justice.