

Dear KCC Community,

It's that time of year when our parents, children, youth and those who teach professionally await the end of the school year. They are making summer plans and looking forward to a respite from the school year.

Like many of you, I can't wait for my summer vacation. In addition to a trip to Mariposa to visit my family in August, I'm looking forward to the summer solstice. When I moved to California in 2001, I arrived on the summer solstice. For my first glowing evening in the state that became my home, I walked across the Golden Gate Bridge with my cousin followed by a burrito dinner. That night was the beginning of many adventures for me in California. This year, I will celebrate by taking a trip to Sunset Cliffs to mark another year living in this beautiful state.



The summer solstice continues to symbolize new beginnings, change and opportunity for me. Speaking of new beginnings, we have a lot going on in June, and during the summer and fall in Faith Formation. Check out the fun activities below!

Lastly, let me know what you are doing this summer! I would love to hear about your plans. Wishing you a safe and joyful summer.

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Is your child in 6th or 7th grade?

6th and 7th Graders - Check the Chimes for the information about **Our Whole Lives** (OWL), a value-based human sexuality program designed by the United Church of Christ and Unitarian Universalist Church Association. Yes, we are talking about sex. Yikes! Don't worry; we will tell you about the program so that you can make an informed decision for your child. Check out the link in the Chimes for information on the first of two OWL parent meetings. OWL starts in September.



KEEP CALM AND GO TO YOUTH GROUP

Calling all 6th Graders!

Now is your chance to check out the KCC Youth Group. Be sure to check the Chimes for the invitation to **Youth Group** on Wednesday, June 19th.



IMPORTANT DATES

- **June 2nd, Graduation Celebration at the 10 AM Service**

Join us for a special celebration of our member, Gracie Winn, who graduates from high school this June. The Youth Sunday School class is invited to attend the full service.



- **June 9th, Confirmation Sunday at the 10 AM Service**

Join us for a special moment in the lives of our confirmands. The confirmation class of 2018-2019 will share their personal stories of faith in speeches, song and video. The 4th graders through 12th graders are invited to attend the full service.

- **June 16th, Dedication of the 4th Through 6th Grade Sunday School Classroom to Our Beloved Kimi Schroder at the 10 AM Service**

In Sunday School, the children and youth will make Father's Day gifts and prepare for the dedication that follows the church service.

- **June 23rd, 8:30 AM & 10 AM Service**

Welcome the KCC members and congregants who completed the Casa de Luz house-build in Tijuana and watch the video presentation. Bring tissues. The 1st graders through 12th graders are invited to attend the full service.

If you are curious about the **Confirmation Program at KCC**, the 10 AM service on June 9th is a great opportunity to witness the culmination of personal growth for our confirmands.

- **June 30th, Sunday School**

This is the last day of Sunday School for the teachers and teacher assistants, followed by a special private luncheon to honor them.

What is the Theme of Sunday School this Summer?

Each summer the children spend four to six weeks learning about a new theme with me and special summer program volunteers while our hard-working Sunday School teachers take a well-deserved break. The children and youth spend time playing, moving and creating in small groups and as a massive ball of energy in Lander Hall.

This summer the focus is on breath, sound and movement. The idea is to add new skills and coping mechanisms to your child's (or children's) emotional toolbox. To learn more about the goals of the program, please watch the [Ted Talk by Susan Kaiser Greenland](#). We won't focus entirely on this model, but it provides the background for the intentions behind this 4-week series.



2019 Summer Schedule

July 7th

Movie in the Youth Room

**July 14th
& July 21st**

**Summer Sunday School Program:
Finding Stillness Through Breath
and Movement**



July 28th

Craft and Refreshments

**August 4th
& August 11th**

Summer Program continues



**August 18th
& August 25th**

Craft and Refreshments

September 1st

Movie in the Youth Room

September 8th

**Rally Day
The Blessing of the Backpacks
The Start of the New Sunday School Year**

Teachers in Action

As an example of the brilliance and thoughtfulness of all of our Sunday School Teachers, Miss Betsy and Mr. Wes started Sunday School by adding movement to the routine. They found noticeable differences when they exercised and played with hula hoops with the children in the 4th through 6th grade class for just five minutes.



After just one five-minute exercise routine, children wiggled less and had longer attention spans. Due to their observations and ideas, children who used to feel less comfortable are now present, engaged and joyful. The 1st through 3rd grade teachers, Miss Judit and Miss Becky, adopted this practice after hearing about the learning benefits.

Is Your Child Moving up in September?

- **Children who are 3-years old** usually start Sunday School in Miss Marcia's class in September. Parents and caregivers work with Miss Barbara and Miss Marcia to determine transition dates and special needs of each child.
- **If your child starts 1st grade** in September, she/they/he is moving to the 1st through 3rd grade classroom. Parents and caregivers work with Miss Barbara and the co-teachers to ease the transition.
- **If your child starts 4th grade** in September, she/they/he is moving to the 4th through 6th grade classroom. For parents and caregivers who are concerned about the transition, please contact Miss Barbara so that she can assist with a smooth transition.
- **If your child starts 7th grade** in September, she/they/he is moving to the 7th through 12th grade classroom. For parents and caregivers who are concerned about the transition, please contact Miss Barbara so that she can assist with a smooth transition.

