

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade?

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**6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>.



### IMPORTANT DATES

- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup> graders through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend the full service.

- **June 16<sup>th</sup>, Dedication of the 4<sup>th</sup> Through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> graders through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend the full service.

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

- **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Movie in the Youth Room**

**July 14<sup>th</sup>  
& July 21<sup>st</sup>**

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



**July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Craft and Refreshments**

**August 4<sup>th</sup>  
& August 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Summer Program continues**



**August 18<sup>th</sup>  
& August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Craft and Refreshments**

**September 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Movie in the Youth Room**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade** in September, she/they/he is moving to the 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom. Parents and caregivers work with Miss Barbara and the co-teachers to ease the transition.
- **If your child starts 4<sup>th</sup> grade** in September, she/they/he is moving to the 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade** in September, she/they/he is moving to the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

