



Adult Religious Education Spring 2010

If you are new to First Unitarian, new to UUism, or a long-time member wishing to learn more about our tradition, these classes may be of benefit to you. Members and friends are welcome to attend.

Call the church office, 884-1801, to sign up.

UU 101: Our Unitarian Universalist Story

Facilitators: Rev. Ronald A. Hersom and Rev. Christine Robinson

Who are we? What is our history? What do we believe? We will explore our religious identity as Unitarian Universalists within the context of our denomination's history, the Reformation in Europe, Unitarian and Universalist roots in North America, and the birth of Unitarian Universalism in the twentieth century. Christine will join Ron in leading the first class.

Dates: Thursdays, February 11, 18, and 25, and March 4

Time: 7:00–9:00 PM

Location: Social hall

Visit the Connections Table to sign up.

Earth Web-Sponsored Classes

Coordinator: Marilyn O'Boyle

Earth Web is offering two new Northwest Earth Institute course this spring:

- **Voluntary Simplicity** (\$22), beginning on February 21 and continuing on first and third Sundays for five sessions
- **Reconnecting with Earth** (\$15), beginning on February 28 and continuing on second and fourth Sundays for six sessions

Dates: Sundays, February through April

Time: 12:15–1:45 PM

Location: TBA

Fee: \$22 and \$15, for materials

Adult RE at First Unitarian

Registration

To register for a class, unless otherwise noted, call the church office at 884-1801.

Cost

Most of our classes are available at no cost, although some may require purchasing materials.

Child Care

The church does not provide child care for adult RE classes. If the cost for child care prevents you from attending a class, please contact one of our ministers.

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Brown Bag Lunch Discussion Group

Facilitator: John McGuffin

Drop In: No need to register

What Science Knows and How They Know It

This series of half-hour DVD-based lectures focuses on the historical development of the scientific method and the conflicting conceptions of knowledge, truth, and reality in the context of Western philosophy. From Aristotle through Copernicus, Francis Bacon's inductive method, Rene Descarte's deductive method, and the implications of 20th-century relativistic physics to the arguments in the creationism versus evolution debate, this series examines the nature and scope of scientific knowledge.

Dates: 24 Wednesdays, Sept. 16, 2009, to March 24, 2010 (skipping holidays)

Time: Noon–1:00 PM; *Make-up session:* 11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Location: Social hall

Mythology Discussion Group

Facilitator: Christopher Feil

Feb. 25: Caribbean Islands. How does the island aspect affect stories? How did the islands interact? *How would island ecology affect your stories?*

March 11: Inca. What aspects of culture are presented in stories? How does the setting affect the stories? *What sorts of imagery and ideas come to mind with Cuzco?*

March 25: Korea. What could have affected Korean mythology? What differs from other Asian mythologies? *How do you connect with Eastern beliefs and philosophies?*

April 8: Australian Aborigines. Explore pre-English stories and beliefs. How do animals reflect the people (or vice versa)? *What stories do you associate with hunting and gathering societies?*

April 22: Celtic. How many geographic areas did Celtic belief systems cover? What are some common misconceptions? *How has Celtic mythology affected your life?*

Dates: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, continuing through April

Time: 7:00–9:00 PM

Location: Room 11 (La Amikoj)

Ongoing Meditation Practice

Leader: Laura Taber

Drop In: No need to register

This meditation group meets for an hour every week. The actual meditation time is about 20 minutes, and we share afterward. Everyone is welcome; no experience is necessary. For more information, contact Laura Taber at amiagp49@yahoo.com.

Dates: Thursdays

Time: 5:45–6:45 PM

Location: Arnold Room