

Classroom News

February 2021

Upcoming Events

- Feb 7th - March 5th
Mystery Buddies Mail Program
- Early March - Mystery Buddies Reveal Zoom Party (Date TBD)

Reminders

- CYRE programs will remain remote/virtual for the remainder of this church year. For more information on how to get involved email Ashley at dre@beaconunitarian.org or check out the programs tab on the Beacon website

What's Ahead

By: Ashley Cole

Hello everyone and happy (almost) Valentines Day.

Congratulations on making it through what seemed like the longest January in recent memory. Even as we continue to meet virtually, we continue to recognize the vital contributions families make to a vibrant community. This month I'm looking forward to the roll out of the Mystery Buddies Program - postal service edition.

Mystery Buddies is an all ages program in which children and Beacon members are paired by me to exchange letters /mail under the guise of a famous Unitarian Universalist pen pal name. The goal of the letters is to get to know each other and perhaps guess each others identities. The program will run for the month of February, with the participants exchanging mail once per week. In the beginning of March, we will gather on Zoom to reveal each others identities and play some fun get to know you games.

Looking forward to connecting more!

Sincerely,
Ashley Cole
Director, Religious Exploration

Feb Theme - 2nd Principle

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations

Head

With your family read the story *The Good Samaritan* found here: <https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/tales/session8/123425.shtml>. Once finished, discuss with your family how you can help those in need. Talk about what barriers you might experience when helping others. How do you overcome them?

Exploring further, discuss with your family why you think those that walked past the wounded man chose not to help. Have you ever not helped when you had the opportunity to? If so, why did you choose not to help?

Heart

Colour in the attached 2nd Principle colouring sheet (designed by Kimberlee Carson and shared with permission) and reflect on what the terms justice, equity, and compassion mean to you. How do you define them? How do you include them in your day to day life?

If you practice lighting a chalice, use these words with your family:

"I shall pass this way but once. Any good thing I can do, any kindness I can show to another human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer it nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

- Various attributed to William Penn, Stephen Grellet, or Ralph Waldo Emerson

Hands

Join the CYRE for the first postal mail Mystery Buddies program. Please email Ashley at dre@beaconunitarians.org to join. Starting Feb 7th and running through March 5th.

Brainstorm with your family ways you can help out in your community, or even in your home, with the focus of justice, equity and compassion in human relations. Then put that plan into action!