

Classroom News

March 2021

Upcoming Events

- March 14th - Mystery Buddy Reveal (Zoom) Party
- April 18th - All Ages Earth Day Service

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,

Happy almost spring time! As I go on my daily walks, I have been enjoying watching the slow blooming of the flowers and trees around me. I hope that where ever this finds you, that you are experiencing a similar joy in the blooming.

Thanks to all those who participated in the Mystery Buddies program. From what I heard it sounded like it was a lot of fun for all who participated! My hope was that this program would help folks feel connected and it sounds like it did indeed! As for the broader religious exploration program, I will continue to mail out these program newsletters and have them posted on the Beacon website.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that April 18th Susan White and myself will be co-leading an all ages Dirt Ceremony in celebration of Earth Day and the diversity of communities around the world that care for and protect the Earth. Join us for that and bring your favourite dirt/soil/compost/potted plant with you!

Warm regards,
Ashley Cole
Director, Religious Exploration

March Theme - 1st Principle

The inherent worth and dignity of every person

Head

With your family read the story *The Weight of a Snowflake* found here: http://www.dayspring-magazine.org.uk/_old/dayspring/collection/pdf/Stories_weight_of_a_snowflake.pdf. Once finished, discuss with your family the ways you can individually make a difference and changes that can be made when individuals work together.

Heart

Colour in the attached 1st Principle colouring sheet (designed by Kimberlee Carson and shared with permission) and reflect on what respecting all beings looks like. How do we care for those around us? Can we care for people we don't know or even people we don't like?

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

"We light this chalice to remind ourselves to treat all people kindly,

Because they are our brothers and sisters;

To take good care of the earth, because it is our home;

To live lives full of goodness and love, because that is how we will make our world the best place it can be.

Hands

Join the all ages Earth Day Service April 18th to celebrate the communities around the world who care for the Earth and share in small groups how we individually connect with the dirt/Earth around us.

Help out during a Sunday morning service! No need to stay for the entire service. Is there a poem or quote you would like to read for opening words or a reflection you would like to share, we would love folks of all ages to add their voices to Beacon services. If you are interested contact me at dre@beaconunitarian.org.