Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis
Our Whole Lives 2016-17 Parent Information & Calendar
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*** TIME & PLACE-** The class meets every Sunday from **10:00-11:10 am** in the Anthony Room of the Fahs House (downstairs, the room closest to the main building). Please note that this class will start a little earlier than Middle Hour (which starts at 10:10). This is to allow for the extended material this class requires. If attending the 9am service, kids should prepare to step out of the service during the Welcome of Visitors to get to class on time.

*** FOOD-** Please do not send kids with food. They should eat before they come… If you attend the 9am service we encourage the kids to get coffee hour snacks before coming to OWL.

*** ATTENDANCE-** Regular attendance is ***absolutely crucial*** for kids to get the information they need, and to build the trust necessary to support the goals of this program. Sporadic attendance means the whole group suffers in their ability to bond. Please make this program a priority in your child's schedule. Arriving promptly at 10:00am is also important, so the class can begin on time.

*** REGISTRATION –** Please be sure your child is registered for R.E. or s/he will not be on the attendance sheet, nor will your contact information be part of Rev. Christina's communications' list. To register, go to **tinyurl.com/UUCARE1617** . Also, please complete and turn in the "OWL Permission Form" (attached) for this specific class.

*** CALENDAR-**

Sunday, September 13 – Ingathering –
On September 11 at 10:00am we will have our final summer service and our annual "Ingathering" and Water Communion followed by a community potluck picnic. Bring some water for the communion, and a dish to share! No RE.

Sunday, September 18 – First RE Sunday & Required Parent orientation -- Emerson Room, 10-11:00am
Sunday, September 18, is the first Sunday in our regular "Church year" schedule. Services will resume at 9am and 11:15am, with Middle Hour (and R.E. for all ages). **OWL begins on September 18 at 10:00am!**

Parent Orientation
Kids will meet in a nearby room for their first session, while parents attend OWL Orientation in the *Anthony Room (OWL Class)* of the Fahs House. Permission forms will be handed out that day and are required for your child to participate in the OWL program. *If you cannot attend, please make arrangements with Rev. Christina to review materials and sign permission form.*

Sunday, December 4 – Congregational Meeting and Ornament-Making
On this Sunday, there will be only one 9am service, and a Congregational Meeting at 10:30. In order for parents to attend the Congregational Meeting, middle school age classes will combine in the Angebranndt Room (downstairs, main building) to make ornaments for the tree for our Stone Soup holiday celebration the following week.

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Sundays, December 25 and January 1 -- No RE
In honor of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, there will be only one 9am service on these two Sundays, and no RE.

Sunday, February 12 -- Parent Session
Join a former OWL teacher for a chance to find out what the kids have been learning, what is coming up, and gain perspective and advice from fellow parents about how to talk with your kids about these topics. Former Haven Office (room near Fahs House kitchen, between Reeb Room and Emerson Room).

Sunday, April 3 – YRUU Service and Congregational Meeting
On this Sunday, there will be only one 9am service, led by our YRUU High School youth group, followed by a Congregational Meeting at 10:30. In order for parents to attend the meeting, our middle school classes will combine with the YRUU in the Brown Room (upstairs, Fahs House) to celebrate the successful YRUU service with an informal (supervised) party.

Sunday, May 14 -- Parent Session
Join a former OWL teacher for a chance to find out what the kids have been learning, what is coming up, and gain perspective and advice from fellow parents about how to talk with your kids about these topics. Former Haven Office (room near Fahs House kitchen, between Reeb Room and Emerson Room).

Sunday, May 21 – R.E. Orientation
This Sunday the kids and youth in the R.E. program will orient their peers to their upcoming R.E. Classes. The OWL kids will orient next year's class to what to expect in OWL, and the current OWL kids will hear from the COA kids about what to expect next year in COA.

SUMMER
MAY 21 IS THE LAST R.E. SESSION OF THE CHURCH YEAR.
NO R.E. on MAY 28 (Memorial Day weekend) or JUNE 4 (Coming of Age Sunday).
Summer R.E. begins on JUNE 11 at 10:15am (after the Wonder Box, all kids go to R.E.).
There is summer RE for all ages! Ages 10-13 are combined for "Tween" Summer RE.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.
- Rev. Christina Leone Tracy, 410-266-8044 x101, cleonetracy@uuannapolis.org

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PERMISSION FORM 2016-2017 (complete, sign, and turn in!)

Please fill out the form below, and return it to the Faith Development Minister's Office no later than ***October 3, 2016.*** Thank you.

- ❑ I/we give _____
  Child(ren)'s name(s)
  permission to participate in the *Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education for Grades 7-9*, part of the Religious Exploration program at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis.

- ❑ I/we will make every effort to have him/her attend class regularly.

- ❑ I understand UUCA is now using the updated 2014 OWL curriculum which includes YouTube videos but no slides.
- ❑ I/we have been offered the opportunity to view the materials.

Please check one:

- ❑ I/we have attended an orientation to this program.

- ❑ I/we have declined the opportunity to attend the orientation to this program.

- ❑ I/we would like to attend a make-up orientation program if it can be arranged.

Signed _____
(Parent/guardian) (date)

Name _____
(Print)

Address _____
_____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

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