

Youth Religious Education

Autumn 2017 Newsletter



Halloween Party

Our annual Halloween party was such fun! We had delicious food, a bounce house, games, photo ops, and a costume contest. Winners took home prizes for *scariest*, *most creative*, and *judges' favorite*. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked to make our party a success!



Sources Sunday

The first Sunday of every month is "Sources Sunday." Our source this year is the second source, wise people from the past, and children in grades K-5 are learning about Unitarians and Universalists of color. In November, they learned about Jamaican Unitarian Ethelred Brown, the first black person to become a Unitarian minister.

"Religion is not an opiate, but a stimulant ... an incentive to noble deeds and a sustaining power in the hour of crisis."

– Ethelred Brown

San Antonio Hosts Autumn Youth Rally

Several times a year, youth groups in Texas and sometimes beyond come together for a weekend "rally": a time to meet and make friends with Unitarian Universalist youth from beyond one's own congregation. Youth plan the events, which include small group interactions, worship, and service.

On the first weekend of November, our church hosted about sixty youth. As a service project, they spread mulch on our playground!

Anyone who knows teenagers knows that they like to eat. Before the event, a call went out to the congregation to bring food for the hungry youth, and the congregation responded, bringing plenty of food for a plentiful dinner. Thanks to everyone who helped out. Thanks also to the "rovers." These are people who stay awake on campus all night to help keep the youth safe while their exhausted advisers sleep.



In October children in grades four and five in one of their curriculum classes heard a story which connected Henry David Thoreau seeking stillness at Walden Pond with the biblical story of Elijah finding God in the "still, small voice." The children experienced a meditation which focused on breath, and created prayer flags from the Tibetan Buddhist tradition to send their prayers/wishes out on the wind.

Samhain and Days of the Dead in Worship and Religious Education



Playing Pass-the-Apple



**Learning about the Wheel
of the Year**



**Our "ofrenda." We had a Dias de los
Muertos parade in the sanctuary!**

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