

## When???

Our Sunday religious exploration program begins September 18th, 2005 at 11:00am. Children will begin in the Sanctuary and then proceed to classes after the "Story for All Ages". To register for any of our



programs pick up a registration form from the church office or the welcome table in

Hewett Centre. You can also call Caroline, the Religious Exploration Coordinator at (604) 261-7204, extension 226.

**ALSO: watch for information coming soon on our Adult programs!**



### What does it mean to be a Welcoming Congregation?

We welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals as members of our congregations. Unitarians have been at the forefront of the gay rights fight most recently on the issue of equal marriage. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Straight alike, we have marched, addressed the Supreme Court, written letters and have been performing same sex unions since 1972.



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### **Religious Education Programs for Children, Youth and Young Adults!**

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## Welcome to the 2005/2006 School Year!

Welcome to our Church community and our Religious Exploration programming. The Unitarian Church of Vancouver is a place where we create an environment of love and trust, encourage questions, explore ideas and fears, nourish belonging to the natural world, excite a sense of spirit and wonder and explore the wisdom of the world's religions.



I have been working with the children's and youth programs for over three years now and would be pleased to answer any questions or concerns that you may have.



*Kids are #1 at UCV!*

Caroline Farley

Religious Exploration Coordinator

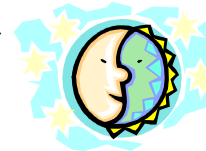
## Our Children's Program



We offer classes for kids aged 3 to 13 years on Sunday mornings during our service. Classes operate on a teaching rotation schedule so the children will have two sets of teachers per term (3 terms per year). This is to allow our volunteer teachers the



flexibility to attend services in between teaching. The children will also participate in two children's worship services per term. See the flipchart at the front door of the hall or check in your order of service for the specifics of our weekly program.



The goal of the program is to help each young person develop into a mature, caring and compassionate individual with a strong private and public ethical life. We examine our place in the world and our relationship to all of its parts (people, environment, rhythms, etc.) with the objective of developing personal responsibility for its welfare and care.



## Coming of Age Program

Each year our grade eight class go through an additional "coming of age" program which includes being paired up with an adult mentor, various retreats and workshops, and, where possible, the Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education program. This set of programs culminates in June with a ritual bridging ceremony where our upcoming youth are asked to read their personal belief statements to the whole congregation.



## Youth Group



This year we will be tackling the "Big Stuff" with our youth (ages 14 to 18 years old) during

the service on Sunday mornings. Our service time has changed to 11:00am so they will even get to sleep in on Sundays! We will also be taking on various social action projects and social events throughout the year.

## Young Adults Group



R.U.C.K.U.S. (Radical Unitarian College-aged Kids Undertaking Spirituality) meets once a week for fellowship, worship and community. For those aged 18 to 35yrs, this group comprises part of a continental network of young adults who care about our world. Schedules will be set in fall.