

Family* Faith Journeys is a new program for UUCG families of all sizes, structures, and ages... single person households to homes with multiple adults, children and/or youth. Drawing from some of the core content of the Coming of Age program, we are co-creating a faith development experience accessible to people of all ages.

Unitarian Universalism affirms all families, of origin and of choice. Parents and caregivers find support to embrace their role as primary religious educators—to open authentic conversations about difficult topics—to grow in faith together through religious practices, truth-seeking, justice work, service projects, and more.

At its core, UU family faith development is a journey of relationships. Family members connect and reconnect with one another, the faith community, and the universe itself to discover and rediscover a seeking, active faith.

Questions?

Contact Rev. Jan Taddeo at
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Register for the New Orleans journey on-line at www.uucg.org. Send a deposit check for \$100/household payable to UUCG with Family Faith Journeys in the memo line. Send to: UUCG c/o Rev. Jan Taddeo
12 Bethesda Church Rd.
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Key Dates

- 12/02/18: Articulating Your UU Faith**
- 12/23/18: *New Orleans Registration Deadline (\$100 deposit due)***
- 12/15/18 Baking Day @ UUCG
- 12/16/18: Bake Sale Fundraiser
- 02/03/19: Field Trip to UU Cong.
- 02/28/19: *Balance due for New Orleans Journey*
- 03/03/19: Field Trip to UU Cong.
- 03/17/19: Pre-Trip Meeting
- 03/23/19: UUCG Service Project
- 03/30-04/03: Trip to New Orleans

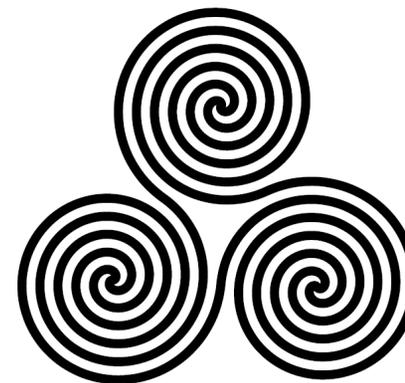
**Additional programs like this will be announced as they are scheduled.

**At UUCG, we define "Family" as members of a household. It is a term inclusive of all ages, family structures, and myriad relationships; indicating people who share a bond and a commonality of caring for one another. All of our programs labeled as "Family" are open to any and all members of the UUCG community.*

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Gwinnett

Family Faith Journeys For Families of All Ages, Sizes and Structures

**A program of personal growth
and spiritual exploration**



All people are lovable beings of infinite worth, imbued with powers of the soul. We are obligated to use our gifts, talents, and potentials in the service of life.

Goals

- Expand religious and spiritual growth and learning for UUs of all ages with an emphasis on engaging with all members of the household
- Explore ways to articulate one's Unitarian Universalist faith
- Experience service to others as a primary component of living one's religious values
- Deepen understanding about what it means to be a member of a religious community
- Create and strengthen friendships and connections within the church community
- Provide opportunities for parents to deepen connections with one another

Facilitation

The program will be facilitated by the Reverend Jan Taddeo and Dan Kelly, and supported by Christiana McQuain, our Coordinator of Family Ministries.

Registration

Register for all events and activities on the UUCG website using the "Register for Events" button on the bottom of the Home page. See special instructions for the journey to New Orleans.

Components

- **Articulating UU Faith.** Participants will explore how to talk about Unitarian Universalism to friends, families, neighbors, and acquaintances.
- **Values Exploration.** Family members can develop a project that reflects an aspect of their current spiritual and religious values.
- **Mentoring.** Parents, children and youth will experience informal mentoring within the connections built through the activities in this program.
- **Making UU Connections.** We will visit UU congregations in the Atlanta area to experience Unitarian Universalism in other settings and meet other UUs.
- **Service to UUCG.** Families will choose a project that will give back to the church while learning about aspects of congregational life.
- **Service to the Community.** Participants may engage in community service through the Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal in New Orleans, a UU center founded in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Optional trip to the Whitney Plantation in Wallace, LA.
- **Fun!** Families will be encouraged to create and participate in fun activities that promote connections and friendships.

Cost

Here are the activities and events currently planned that have costs associated with them.

- Baking Day: \$10/family supply fee
- Visits to UU Congregations: No Fee (Families will carpool from UUCG, BYOL – "Bring Your Own Lunch")
- UUCG Service Day: \$10/family for drinks, snacks, supplies
- Center for Ethical Living & Social Justice Renewal: \$180/participant for food & lodging (possible discount for 5 & under) \$100-\$200/family for vehicle & fuel (depends on number of families)
Optional: Whitney Plantation: \$10-\$22

Register for individual activities and events at least 1 week prior to allow time to plan and communicate with all participants and hosts.

CELSJR Registrations must be received by December 23, 2018. A deposit of \$100 per family is due with the registration. Payments can be made in installments, with the balance paid in full no later than February 28, 2019.

Limited scholarship funds are available to offset the cost of the CELSJR journey.