

Hello Board of Trustees members!

It is a great privilege to be able to write to you about what our young people are doing here at UUCF. I'm so happy to be able to serve our community like this.

This month our kiddos are following the Soul Matters theme of "finding our center." Our elementary kids will be completing activities like making vision boards, spinning tops and discussing racial justice issues. Our teens will also be having a conversation on racial justice, as well as visiting a local care home and learning about local figures in Fullerton and how they found their own personal center. The visit to St. Catherine's on the 22nd of this month will hopefully be the beginning of a larger partnership, offering our teens an ongoing way of being of service close to our congregation. We will also be making them Valentines next month prior to beginning our OWL sessions.

Speaking of: our larger scale projects in RE include the start of OWL in February and a modified Coming of Age program. OWL parent meetings are underway and we are expecting a good group of 7th-9th graders when we start our sessions on 2/12/23. Coming of Age is being spearheaded by Chris Heaton and Karin Bell, who will help mentor our older teens to develop deeper ties to our congregation. We hope this will be a chance for those teens who've already aged out of OWL to have a way to connect with us before heading off to college.

As I've gotten situated in taking over RE things, I want to thank everyone for being so accommodating and helpful. I'm really looking forward to all we have in store for the rest of this school year and of trying to make our RE program the best it can be!

In solidarity,

Megan McLellan