Our new school year in the Children’s Program has gotten off to a grand start. We are all enjoying being part of the worship service upstairs and we’ve worked at making our covenant that we all agree to follow throughout the year. In our year of DIVERSITY, we had a lesson about how different we all are and how wonderful that is! Some of the older kids are also learning about the diverse stories cultures around the world share.

As always, many thanks to our September teachers ~ Dave Beach, Jolene Kent, Megan Polzin, Jane Seggelink, Lisa Friedrich, Andreanna, Shelly Christensen, Jeri Bodi, Emma and Maddie. You are all amazing volunteers and we greatly appreciate you! 😊

**Principle Spotlight**

This year I’d like to take the time each month to recognize those children I catch doing their best to honor our principles. I think it’s important to let them know that they are amazing Unitarian Universalists! This month I caught Jose following the principle “all people are important” by helping his brother downstairs and making sure he was okay in the nursery. I caught Leah making sure “all people have a voice about things that concern them” when she let me know that Jude hadn’t gotten to share his joy yet. Lastly, but certainly not least, Casey and Eli are always “taking care of the earth which gives us life” by asking about the fish and making sure they are fed every time they come to church. Way to go friends! I’m so proud of ALL of you!

**Help Wanted**

A couple items of need to bring to your attention if anyone would be so kind as to help out where they can...

- Thanks to all who contributed juice to our snack cabinet at the end of the summer. We are now in need of replenishing the snack cabinet. Any healthy, easy to serve, non-perishable items are graciously accepted. We usually serve snack to around 30 kids on any given Sunday so you know how much to bring.
- Our Family Halloween Fun Night is set for Friday, October 28 from 6 – 8 pm. We are asking anyone planning on attending to bring a dish to pass. Sign ups and fliers will be available at church soon!
- In November, we are going to be doing an entire RE project that requires the use of tin cans. Anything of the vegetable/soup variety will do just fine. They need to be empty and labels removed. So next time you’re going to recycle a can, put it to the side and bring it to church! 😊
IMPORTANT POLICY NOTICE!

It was brought to the RE Department’s attention that some parents have dropped off their children in the past and left the church building during our services. We want to make it very clear to everyone that this is not an allowed practice at OBUUC in the children’s program. If anything was to happen and we needed to get a guardian in an emergency, not being in the building could be tragic. Please make sure that you remain in the building after dropping off your children in George Bray Hall and if you have to leave the premises, please arrange to have another guardian on call in the building that we can get in an emergency. If you do leave someone else in charge for your children, please let the DRE on call know whom that is. Your children’s safety is our number one priority!

Helping Hands

Helping Hands met for the first time this year on Sunday, September 18. After enjoying a pizza lunch and conversation, they set about with their notebooks to start brainstorming ways they can help others. Anyone and everyone ages Kindergarten through 8th grade is welcome to join us each month. We will be meeting on October 16th next month after the second service from 12:30 to 2:30.

What’s Coming Up…

• We will continue to look at our amazing diversity in October by exploring special needs, gender differences and much, much more!
• Don’t forget our Family Bulletin Board at the end of the stairs to George Bray Hall. It’s just WAITING for a new family to come and decorate it! Any family who wishes to participate can post up pictures or drawings or writings or really WHATEVER they wish that celebrates their diversity. You can use items that you post to show “We Believe, We Feel, We Act…”. You can share things that are important to your ethnic culture, things that are important to your beliefs as a family, traditions you participate in, whatever! Let me know if you’d like to do a bulletin board and I’ll get you signed up on my list…
• **Halloween Family Fun Night** is coming October 28th from 6 to 8 pm. All ages are welcome for food, games and the Middle Schoolers’ Haunted House. Sign Ups and Fliers will be at church soon!

We are all special and unique!