

*“If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.”*

— *Henry David Thoreau*

We always are eager to welcome new faces into our learning community! Please reach out to Carly Poloskey at [re@uumiami.org](mailto:re@uumiami.org) for more information.

***For our littlest ones (ages 0-4 years old):***

Childcare is available each Sunday beginning at 10:30am to allow parents to enjoy our weekly offerings during service until 1pm. With notice, childcare can be extended to allow parents to participate in our other adult RE classes and community groups.

***Natural Beings in a Natural World (for children 4-11 years old):***

❖ Our Final Class

➤ Sunday, May 1st at 11am-12:15pm

Participants will revel in a review of the Indigenous wisdom imparted throughout *Natural Beings in a Natural World*.

***Coming of Age (for youth 12-17 years old):***

Our year of self-exploration draws to a close, and our participants are preparing to share their Credo statements with our UUMiami community.

❖ A Year in REview

➤ Sunday, May 1st at 11am-12:15pm

Participants will reflect on all of the service-learning projects, off-campus activities and previous classes they have enjoyed. Similarly, teens will consider how they would like to contribute to next year's curriculum.

❖ Credo Service Rehearsal

➤ Sunday, May 8th at 11am-12:15pm

We will finalize selections for the 5/15 teen-led service (music, readings, speakers) as well as give students the opportunity to practice presenting their rough drafts of Credo Statements for an audience.

Spring Service project: **Keep the compost coming!** Many thanks to Steve Snyder for sharing his passion for *Composting on Campus!* All participants will be awarded community service hours.

### **Special Events for all:**

#### Beltane Picnic

Join us immediately following service on **May 10th**. Beltane, also referred to as May Day, marks the halfway point between the spring equinox and summer solstice. We honor this Pagan festival with a maypole dance. We will be delighting in the lush campus of UUMiami and commemorating the close of our Children's Religious Exploration Class, *Natural Beings in a Natural World*. A lunch of hotdogs and plant-based burgers will be served. Suggested donations of \$5 per person.

#### Coming of Age Credo Service

Teens participating in this year's Coming of Age class will present their Credo Statements—unique expressions of their beliefs, values and worldview at this milestone marker in life. The entire service—music, readings, speaking—will have been coordinated by our youth. Please join us in RE in expressing our support for these young thinkers and do-ers in our community.