

YFM SAYS HELLO!

Quarterly Newsletter of Unity of the Valley's Youth & Family Ministry

Spring blessings from our youth

Welcome to the spring newsletter for Unity of the Valley's Youth and Family Ministry! Our theme for YFM in 2024 is "Embracing the Light Through Our Youth."

A huge thank-you to all you congregants for blessing our youth on Sunday mornings (photo top right)!

We had our Year of the Dragon **Family Fun Night** in February. It was a huge success. We had 12 in attendance. Lots of fun, food, a craft and marching with the dragons that Doris Hicks and Diana Stearns made from scratch!

Our next **Family Fun Night** was in March and that was the Easter theme. It was also successful and a lot of fun with food, Easter Bingo with prizes and the Easter Bunny was present! A special point of gratitude to Tahana, and her father Derek Yergler for bringing the Easter Bunny to the church!

Easter Sunday was an egg hunting and game time. The Uniteens assisted with the Unikids! Thank you Zen, Teo and Jude! There was an egg race, chocolates and prizes for all the kids. This is time for new beginnings and it was definitely that!

I want to give a shout out to Kyra Drews for spending her time looking after precious Calliope. Thank you, Kyra!



We would like to welcome **Piper Everts** as a new teacher for the Unikids and working in the nursery as needed. The kids just love her and we really appreciate you, Piper!

Chloe Maggio has replaced Karena with the Unitots on the second Sunday of the month. Thank you, Chloe!

Our fundraiser in March was selling Douglas firs and incense cedars in small pots. We still have plenty left. Many people donated who didn't have a place for the trees. We'd like to thank all those who contributed and those who assisted with planting the trees — especially Allie Maggio for providing the trees, soil, many pots, transporting them to the church and more. A shout out to Chloe for helping, also.

Thank you to Jon, Doris, Amanda, Brogan, Astoria, and Aubriel Hadd, as well as Geneva and Dianne Bohr. We couldn't have done it without all of you!



Activities for Our Youth & Adults!

Lesson plans in April-June for Unikids and YOU will continue on "The Twelve Powers," a way of describing each person's spiritual toolkit. Uniteens will continue studying "The Four Agreements," based on the widely-acclaimed book. A five-minute puppet show begins each Unikids class.

We have monthly family gatherings on the last Wednesday of the month for youth and parents. Activities include games, movies, music and snacks. Quarterly field trips are planned and parents are welcome to join!

We are inviting volunteers from our congregation for co-teaching opportunities. Training is provided. We would love having you as part of our team! — Alice Sparks, alicesparks48@gmail.com or (541) 729-3817

