

Our Shared Values:

Interdependence: We honor the interdependent web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it. **Pluralism:** We are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology. **Justice:** We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all feel welcome and can thrive. **Transformation:** We adapt to the changing world. **Generosity:** We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope. **Equity:** We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion. At the center is love.



“Do everything in love” - Corinthians 16:14

Our Mission

As a congregation, our values are expressed by our mission: "to build a diverse and transformative spiritual community, help people live lives of wholeness, and promote justice, peace, and religious freedom."

Our Covenant

“Love is the spirit of this church and service is its law. This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love and to help one another.”



What: Hogwarts Academy

Kickoff Dinner Party: October 26th 6 PM

When: 30 sessions (Most Sundays) 11 AM

First Class: November 3

Where: First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown, Ohio

1105 Elm St. Youngstown, Ohio 44505

For More Information

See our website, uuyo.org

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Hogwarts Academy at UUYO



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“It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities,” –
Dumbledore to Harry in Book One.

What does Harry Potter and Hogwarts have to do with Unitarian Universalism?

Often I have newcomers inquire, "Don't you use the bible in Sunday School?" My answer is usually, "Yes, and...". That's one of the great things about Unitarian Universalism, right?

We aren't limited to a single *“Bible, Testament, or Prayer Book.”* We can find the texts that give our lives meaning and claim them as our own sacred books.

It can also be challenging to figure out which texts to choose. In our covenant, which we recite together each Sunday morning, we make this promise: *Love is the spirit of this church and service its law. This is our great covenant...to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.*



The Harry Potter Series, by J. K. Rowling, is one of those texts that can get children excited about learning our UU values including the promises made in our covenant, principles, and our rich history of members who came before us. Children also learn about bravery, friendship, trust, service and love. I guess you could say that the stories are magical!



In our (30) sessions, we will be having fun and exploring with potions, spells, mysteries, our environment, puzzles, games and creativity. We will be playing our own form of Quidditch! Please register your child for the class. Even if they do not attend every Sunday, they will still get plenty of fun from each class they attend.

Registration Form is located at uuyo.org Follow the Harry Potter link on the bottom right of the page.



The Resources for the Program

The resources for the program will be too many to include here.

Here are a few:

All of the HP books, written by JK Rowling

All of the HP movies, produced by Warner Brothers

Harry Potter Magical Meditation Cards (Which will drive the spiritual portion of the class)

The Bible

The Ultimate HP Spellbook, by Mugglenet

The Unofficial HP Companion Volumes One and Two, by Media Lab Books

The Wizardology Handbook, by Candlewick Press

We will also be using various bits of information from the Web and it is highly likely we may or may not use knowledge provided by some of our member “experts”!

What we Believe as a Congregation:

There are Eight principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote. We believe in:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassions in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.
- And we commit to creating a diverse Beloved Community by dismantling racism, white supremacy, and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

