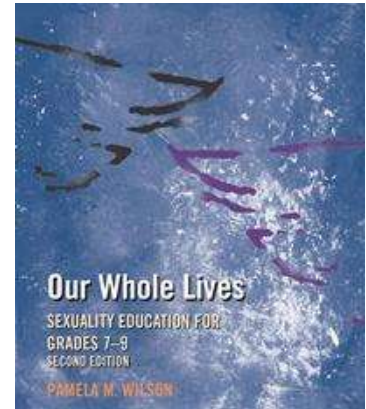


Our Whole Lives/Sexuality & Our Faith Continues!

What is OWL?

Our Whole Lives/Sexuality & Our Faith (OWL) is a comprehensive sexuality program created by our denomination, the UCC, alongside the Unitarians. Our religious heritages compel us to create safe settings where people can come to understand and respond to their experiences as sexual beings. OWL is a series of sexuality education curricula for six age groups: grades K-1, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, young adult, and adult. The program provides an opportunity for children, youth, and adults to learn about sexuality in the affirming and supportive setting of our church. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, it provides not only facts about anatomy and human development, but also supports participants in clarifying values, integrating sexual and spiritual understandings, building interpersonal skills, and understanding the spiritual, emotional, social, and political aspects of sexuality.



Why is our church hosting an OWL Training?

Our church is gearing up to be a host site for training leaders in OWL this July. Both UCC and UUA (Unitarian) churches will be sending leaders to be trained at the Community Church. We (the Community Church OWL Team, a sub-group of the Children's Faith Formation Team) have hired two high-quality trainers, who will lead a weekend-long intensive in OWL. What this means is that our church is providing space, hospitality, and training for OWL leaders to go back to their home churches and lead OWL programs for grades 7-9 & 10-12 in the upcoming year. There are already host families from our church opening their homes to people attending our training, and the OWL Team is working hard to register and prepare for the training. Hosting an OWL Training really puts us on the map as a church that supports holistic sexuality education! Hurrah!

What's Happening in OWL at our Church Next Program Year?

Informational Meeting June 3 ♦ 9 am

Our own church will be offering OWL for 8-9th Graders during the 2018-19 program year. Parents of rising 8-9th graders are invited to an informational meeting in the Chapel on June 3rd at 9am. At this meeting you'll have a chance to preview the curriculum books, get an overview of the program, and meet the leaders. Come learn more about what OWL is all about! (There will be an official Orientation for Parents and Students in the Fall, before the program begins).

We are delighted to announce our OWL co-leaders Andy DelMonte and Kendall Tripathi-Clark who will be leading OWL with our 8-9th graders in the fall.

If you have any questions, please [contact Pastor Rachel](#).