

Dear Families,

As our doors into summer open wide, there is a world waiting to be explored. However or wherever you are journeying, searching - or exploring the practice of paying attention and looking deeply - can reveal joy and truths about this awesome place we share and about the values we hold dear. For those looking for an idea to keep everyone spiritually engaged and connected over this month of play and fellowship we are excited to announce...

The Great SUMMER RAINBOW SCAVENGER HUNT for the UU 7 Principles!!

Here for your enjoyment is a scavenger hunt for families and/or individuals designed around our UU principles. There are many ways to “play” and suggestions for how you might adapt it to fit your family are included. You can share the adventure via our UUSGS Family Forum facebook group or share your findings and creations when we wrap up the search at the end of the summer. Anyone who plays will receive a special participation gift at the end of the summer!!

Download the guide here:

<http://www.uuspringfield.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/uu-2021-summer-scamenger-hunt.pdf>

Want more Scavenger Hunts to do at home or with friends? What can you find in your neighborhood? In the nature around you? In your house or back yard? Here are a few links that I found full of fun things to look for!

- https://planning-org-uploaded-media.s3.amazonaws.com/publication/download_pdf/Neighborhood-Scavenger-Hunt.pdf
- <https://coffeeandcarpool.com/neighborhood-walk-scamenger-hunts/>
- <https://parade.com/1023648/jessicasager/scavenger-hunt-ideas-for-kids/>
- <https://www.verywellfamily.com/have-a-nature-scamenger-hunt-3287877>

Fellowship and Family Ministry over the Summer:

From July 1st through Aug 5th, I will be out of the office and away from my phone. If you have an urgent or time-sensitive need, I will be checking my email (darcie@uuspringfield.org) most days and will reply to an emergency ASAP. I will also continue to participate and communicate on a regular basis in our UUSGS Family Forum group on Facebook.

While I will be taking some time to recharge in July, Family Ministry doesn't stop! See a cool event or opportunity for kids and families? Share it on Facebook. That is ministry. Going to a park or beach? Invite some others along. That is ministry. Exploring somewhere fun? Send a postcard or post a picture to stay connected and inspire others. That is ministry. Doing a summer clean out and have stuff to give away? Post it in the UUSGS Exchange or give it to an organization doing good work in your community. That is ministry. Notice that a family you know is having a hard time? Drop off a little something to let them know you are thinking of them. That is ministry. There will be some family friendly events and get-togethers organized by UUSGS (stay tuned to our web calendar and Facebook pages) but, also know that YOU can keep our ministry active and buzzing by just reaching out, sharing and lifting up the great stuff you may already be doing!!