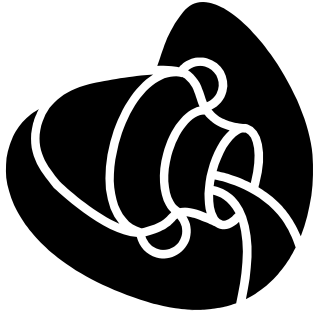


Stories.... light candles on the darkest night.

—Patti Davis



Children at the Well

Learning to Draw from Faith Traditions
Through Story

Interfaith Youth Storytelling

A project of the Interfaith Story Circle
of the Tri-City Area

Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 2 PM

First Unitarian Society of Schenectady

1221 Wendell Avenue, Schenectady, NY

And light one candle to bind us together, with peace as the song in our heart.

-Peter Yarrow, from his Chanukah song, "Light one Candle"

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Welcome

Mary Murphy, Storycoach

Stories:

Claire McCulley (12, First Unitarian Society of Schenectady), "The Apple Cake", from the book by the same name, by Nienke van Hichtum

Macaela Rourke (13, Congregation Gates of Heaven), "Gershon's Monster", from Gershon's Monster: A Story for the Jewish New Year by Eric A. Kimmel

Mahrukh Badar (15, Islamic Center of the Capital Region), "Three Tough Questions", a tale from the Islamic tradition, from a booklet entitled Companion

Omer Osman (12, AnNur Islamic School), "God is Always Watching", from a story told by an Imam

Rishi Reddy (14, Bethlehem High School), "The Empty Pot", a folk tale from China

Meir O'Brien (12, Maimonides Hebrew Day School), "Solomon and the Shade", a story from Midrash

Anafim - The Middle School Dance Troupe of Temple Israel- with instructor Eve Cameron; dancing Korobushka, Hora Or, Tirkedi Et Ha Laila...and, with Children at the Well participants, Hineh Ma Tov, which translates

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Recognition of seniors and other interns

Gert Johnson, co-director

◇ Ten Minute Stretch Break ◇

Welcome Back

Marni Gillard, Storycoach

Alex Whisenhunt (14, First Unitarian Society of Schenectady), “John Murray and Thomas Potter”, a story from history

Suad Abdalla (12, AnNur Islamic School), “The Rich Man’s Enlightenment”, an original tale

Aditya Agashe (13, Hindu Temple of the Capital District), “Arjuna and the Bird’s Eye”, from the Mahabharata

Lua Arcos (14, of the Baha’i faith), “Chicken Feathers”, a story from Jewish Midrash

Emily Hebert (14, Eastern Parkway Methodist Church), “The Gift”, a song by Stephanie Davis

Lighting of the Chanukah menorah
Curtain Call

Paula Weiss, co-director
all participants

Song: “My Dream Is...” with Steve Holmes

After we sing this song, the tellers will lead us up the stairs and around the perimeter of the Great Hall

◇Join us afterwards for snacks and conversation ◇

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Our storycoaches have been ably assisted by Nancy Marie Payne
and Aviva Rossman

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My Dream Is...adapted from ‘One Kind Word’ by Stephen Holmes

My dream is...My dream is...My dream is...Peace on Earth

All the world will be, Such a wonderful place
When everyone can see, The soul behind the face, The soul behind the face

My dream is...My dream is...My dream is...Peace on Earth

Wisdom is a treasure; Wisdom from the well
Share the wealth in stories; Stories are to tell, Stories are to tell

My dream is...My dream is...My dream is...Peace on Earth

Today’s performance is dedicated, with love, to the memory of Patricia Hetko, staunch and life-long supporter of interfaith alliances and peace initiatives.

...the shortest distance between a human being and Truth is a story. --- -Anthony de Mello

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Children at the Well was represented at the Interfaith Youth Core Conference; Leadership for a religiously diverse world, in Evanston, Illinois, Oct. 25-27

We received the Global Citizenship Award for Community Outreach from the International Center of the Capital Region, Nov. 17, 2009!

Heart to Heart: ♥♥♥

Participate today by introducing yourself to people from faith traditions other than your own. Perhaps share a story with them, and exchange a heart sticker to be put on your name tag and theirs. Those who collect three stickers on their name tag receive a treat as they leave. And, they may have made a new friend!

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