Rev's Reflections

The Wünder Academy of Metamorphosis

Ask anybody what their fondest memories of youth are, and they'll tell you about something that happened repeatedly, cyclically. If they were lucky enough to get to go to summer camp, they'll tell you the experience was formational for them. They define themselves by what they learned. They remember the motto, the song, the logo, the mascot, the group names, the activities.

You know, for decades now liberal congregations like ours have been losing families with children. They've been involved in other events like sports, dance, hobbies, family outings, and if we're lucky we see them once a month. It's not a recipe for "nurturing a generation of youth who grow up to choose UU because we belong to them."

Meanwhile, parents are always looking for a summer program for their kids. Enter the *Wünder Academy of Metamorphosis*, a program we'll be offering August 19-23 for children of our congregation and their close friends and family. Our hope is to really immerse scholars in UU values and practices, teaching the core of our theologies: "Everything we touch we change."

It has been so much fun coming up with great ideas that provide kids with interesting and exciting activities for a range of ages. The best part is that while parents are involved in planning, we are also getting input and volunteer hours from members and friends of the congregation whose children are aged out of RE. Everyone has so much to offer!

Keep an eye on the wall at the back of the sanctuary to see the images of the evolving ideas, a representation of our wildest, most joyful, most transformational ideas.

In Peace,
Rev Denis