A Message from Francesca

Thank you to everyone who came to the Halloween Party, it was so much fun! A special shout out to everyone who helped with the setup and breakdown of the event.

This Sunday we started Neighboring Faiths, a program where we learn and visit local faith traditions and gain a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism in the process. I am very excited to see what wonderful shape it will take this year!

Yesterday, I went to the library to request a book for the Nursery Woven Faith Curriculum. May We Have Enough to Share by Richard Van Camp. Van Camp writes, "May we have enough to share the sweetness of everyday." The book was not at the Lynn location and had to be requested from Beverly. The irony of getting a book about sharing, as the local libraries pool and divide resources with each other, was not lost on me!

The idea that you hope you have enough, so that you can engage in sharing with others, is beautiful. That as soon as you have what you need, you can participate in the act of giving away what you have.

Sharing can be a difficult practice. It takes some faith in yourself, that you have something to give. Also, faith in others that they will take what you give and return gratitude, welcome, or reciprocate their extra gifts to you or someone else.

It is also amazing that the libraries seem to me, completely run on the faith that people can share. It is a concrete example in a majority of our towns, that we have aspects of our society that can function without greed. We do not have to be completely unto ourselves. Maybe we do have "enough to share the sweetness of everyday."

Wishing you a nourished spirit,

Francesca :)