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HAPPY HALF-BIRTHDAY, FISCAL YEAR 17/18!

OPPORTUNITY

Happy Mid-Year to You, Happy Mid-Year Dear Church

Dear Reader, You're invited!

What: Our Mid-Year Meeting, a time when leaders share what's been going on in and around First U since the church year began. Oh, and there's a light lunch and free childcare offered. These gatherings tend to be quite joyful and last less than one hour.

Who: Everyone! Members and friends, longtime congregants and new folks.

When: Sunday, January 21, 2018, following worship (approx. 11:30 am —12:30 pm)

Where: The Gathering Room (downstairs) at First Universalist
P.S. Your presence is our present! No need to bring a gift.

CELEBRATION

Growing Up the OWL Way

The Our Whole Lives Program has been traveling outside of the church this Fall/Winter to the Maine Coast Waldorf School in Freeport. Most of the 6th grade class, 23 children, at the school has opted to participate in the OWL Program where the students learn about human sexuality, friendships, relationships, the changes of puberty, gender, and staying safe and healthy. The group, facilitated by First U's Minister, Rev. Jennifer, and Program Assistant, Gwen, is full of questions each week and very active and engaged in the material. The facilitators are looking to the future as well to offer OWL to another age group.

TRANSPARENCY

For The Times, They Are A-Changin'

As the wheels of the fiscal year turn, we here at the intrepid *Financial Times of First U* acknowledge that 2018 will bring a bittersweet transition, as Rev. Jennifer Emrich retires from ministry and we welcome an interim minister that will guide us through this new phase. Some things will be changing, of course, but much will stay the same, especially in the money realm. February will bring our Annual Campaign, when we count on

everyone to remember and honor continued commitment to our First U community. Reached for comment, First U Board Treasurer Marge Titcomb said, "We look forward to sharing stories with you in the lead-up to the Annual Campaign – if you have a story to share, I would love to hear from you!" Marge can often be spotted during Coffee Hour after worship or can be reached via email at mjtbean@aol.com.