

Below is a recap of what we learned in our RE classes last Sunday (Nov-15). **Please note that there are no RE classes on Sundays, Nov-22 and Nov-29. Classes will resume on Dec-6.**

I will send out a reminder email, including what to have ready, beforehand.

**SOUL MATTERS (GRADES PREK-1 and 2-5):** The Soul Matters classes explored how we can offer healing of past mistakes against others by using their correct names, by learning about and respecting other cultures, and by lifting up the voices of marginalized people. In particular, we focused on our relationship with and understanding of the Indigenous Peoples of North America, and cleared up some myths about the First Thanksgiving. The PreK-1 class read the wonderful book *Fry Bread* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MibEeGiFThM>) and Grades 2-5 listened to some great music by the N’we Jinan Artists (<https://youtu.be/JKWR2KHioEg>). Both classes watched the video “The Wampanoag Way” to learn about how two modern girls of the Wampanoag tribe work to teach others about their history and traditions. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmisO7pdMW4>)

**CROSSING PATHS (GRADES 6-7):** This week, the Crossing Paths class welcomed a special guest, Lydia Tembo, a Christian seminarian at Princeton Theological Seminary. The youth interviewed her about her direct experience of her faith and Christian beliefs and customs. After the interview, the class continued their discussion of “housing the holy” by exploring how we create holy spaces within our own congregations. They listened to the UU hymn “When Our Hearts are in a Holy Place.” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8c5FijfXvLU>)

I’ve enclosed lots of links within this recap in case you would like to listen/watch some of these videos yourself or with your family. On behalf of the teaching teams, we wish you and your family a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday, filled with blessings and gratitude.