

“Holy Curiosity”

Recently our third and fourth grade class spent a morning examining our fourth UU principle: ... **each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life.** They heard a story about Maria Mitchell, a Unitarian who became America’s first woman professor of astronomy. As a child, Mitchell loved to watch the stars from the widow’s walk of her Nantucket home; her family encouraged her to ask questions and to wonder about the sky. When she grew up, Mitchell became an astronomer who devoted her life to scientific inquiry and to teaching students to, “Question everything.”

In their RE class our children talked about all of the questions they might ask; their church encouraged them to wonder. On the walls of their classroom hang these poems.

I wonder...

I wonder how many people there are
I wonder if I will ever see my grandma
I wonder how they discovered plastic
I wonder who built the first house

~Taeva

I wonder...

I wonder how the world started
I wonder where money came from
I wonder how many galaxies there are
I wonder how they made the 16th Chapel

~Declan

I wonder...

I wonder why my cat threw up this morning
I wonder how many galaxies there are in the universe
I wonder why when we first brought them home my pet kittens got sick
I wonder when I’m going to see Shelly again

~Annie

I wonder...

I wonder how many years old the earth is
I wonder how many people there will be in my family in two years
I wonder why I have a sister

~Cori

I wonder....

I wonder how the squirrel tunneling through the snow this morning found food
I wonder if my mother will remember my name
I wonder if I will see the North Pole as I fly over it tomorrow
I wonder if President Obama can possibly be the leader we need

~Deb

Albert Einstein said, "The important thing is not to stop questioning; never lose a holy curiosity." In this week of hope and possibility, what do you wonder? What do you dream? What will you ask?
~Deb Selkow, DRE