

## Story Sunday Announcement DRAFT

Question: who doesn't love a good story?

Answer: We ALL love good stories!

From the time we are tiny and through all the rest of our lives, stories keep us going. A good story can make us laugh, it can make us cry, it can make us think, and it can connect us with our fellow human beings.

**In this spirit, the United Church of Strafford is excited to offer monthly Story Sundays!** Using stories, song, and poetry (and maybe cookies!) we will spend the second Sunday morning service of each month exploring some of the great questions that our fellow humanfolk have wondered about through the ages - and still wonder about.

Story Sundays are for everyone. The children will be invited to remain in the sanctuary for the entire service, and it will be structured to work for them as well as the adults. We will begin our Story Sundays in January on January 8th where we will explore and share together about God.

However, **for an introduction to this form of story and sharing, we invite you to our Pageant Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.** Elements of Story Sundays will be integrated into it as we hear the story of the Nativity told with a beautiful Waldorf style puppet show and sing beloved carols. The children will be invited to explore the story of the Nativity further through art, reading and wondering in the Parish Hall, if they choose, during the final portion of the service. Everyone is invited to bring cans of soup for the Sharon Food Shelf which the children will bring to the manger while we sing "We Three Kings."

Please join us in December for this special service and then again in the new year! **The next Story Sundays will be January 8, February 12 and March 12, 2023.**