

Just for YOUTH!



Curriculum: "Religions of the World"
Youth Leaders: Denise Anderson, Clay Passick, Paul Oppelt

BUDDHISM

Denise Anderson invited friend Leanne Meier to provide an overview of Buddhism. There are many different sects of Buddhism and her background is the sect that came out of Japan. She described how Buddhism started in India and moved East through China and later Japan. In the class, George Oyoo assisted her on the history and, particularly, the founder as he learned about it in class recently. There was a lot of good discussion and a lot was learned by all!



Leanne Meier



CHRISTIANITY

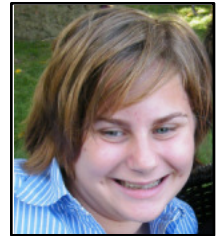
The class members and I discussed many aspects of our Christian faith. In summary, I shared with the youth what I believe is the heart of this faith. It is stated well in our Brief Statement of Faith: *"In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve."* By the grace of God, our life in the community of faith, the church, is our attempt to live out that trust or faith. Jesus Christ sets the pattern for the church. Part of that pattern is to be open and respectful to all people and to all faiths.



George



Rev. Gene Orr



Claire



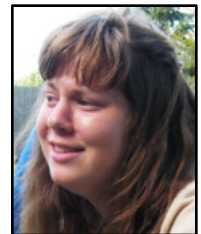
Cara



Charlie

JUDAISM

Leonard was invited by friend Paul Oppelt to the class to talk about "Judaism." Leonard was born in Russia, and his family moved to the U.S. when he was 13, in part to escape the anti-semitism of the Soviet Union. He was raised in the Jewish tradition, and, as an avid student of history, has an encyclopedic knowledge of Jewish culture and religion. He told the class about the two main ethnic, and three main religious branches of Judaism, and taught us about their core beliefs, rituals, and history behind holy days, including Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Hanukkah. He talked about how they recognize the Sabbath, and that they also have 10 commandments. He posed the questions: Is Judaism a religion? A race? An ethnic group?



Hallie



Leonard Kats

