

**Navigating the Waters:  
Social Media and Middle Schoolers  
A Panel Discussion**

**Saturday, January 14, 2012**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Fessenden Hall, Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent  
228 Gougler Avenue  
Kent, Ohio 44240**

**(Free and Open to the Public)**

**A middle school principal  
in New Jersey calls for parents to ban their  
kids from Facebook.**

**--CNN, April 2010.**

**A Dad's iTunes Account Is Hacked (to the  
Tune of \$375)... By His Own Children!**

**--gigaom.com, Kevin C. Tofel, July 2010**

**Online social networking  
can help introverted adolescents  
learn how to socialize.**

**--Report from the American  
Psychological Association,  
August 2011. (The report describes  
positive and negative impact of social  
media on adolescents).**

Join the discussion at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent on Saturday, January 14, 2012, as we consider how we, as parents and folks who care about adolescents, can help the children in our lives navigate the increasingly choppy waters of the various social media.

The panel will address several topics, including:

- **Social Media Safety (what level of access is okay for what ages?)**
- **Logistical Issues (should children have their own iTunes accounts?)**
- **Socialization Issues ("But everyone is on Facebook, Mom!")**

Panelists include:

- **Edward Hawks, Gifted Teacher at Stanton Middle School;**
- **Patricia Smoot-Wicks, Youth Development Consultant; and,**
- **Nathan Sterrett, Cyber Security Expert at FirstEnergy.**

The panel discussion will be moderated by Kamaria Wolf, interested parent.