



Footprints

FUMC Christian Education Newsletter

September 2009

Sunday School Fun Fair 9/13

To celebrate being Christians and to kick off the new Sunday School year, the teachers are planning a Fun Fair for the kids during Sunday School on 9/13. After children's time, all children are welcome downstairs for the celebration. We will have a welcome game, face painting, Christian tattoos, computer art, cookie decorating, and hand murals. The 7th-12th graders will play a game of Outburst, Bible Edition. We will have balloons and Christian music. All ages, friends and neighbors are welcome. *Pass the word!*

Family Worship Last Sunday of each month

In order for families and teachers to worship together, there will be no Sunday School the last Sunday of each month. There will be care provided for nursery and preschool children every Sunday.

Communion Every Sunday

We will celebrate Communion every Sunday starting in September. Children of all ages are welcome to feast at God's table. We will bring the children upstairs to take communion. An allergy-free communion is offered for children with allergies. After communion, children will remain in worship with their parents. Preschool children will be brought to communion on family worship Sundays only.



Basement Update

Tremendous progress has been made in making the basement a warm and inviting space. If you haven't seen the basement lately, please come down and see for yourself. Monica and Jennifer Chickering spent countless hours cleaning, organizing and painting the basement over the summer. (So did mom, dad and Stephen.) We also have to thank Dawn Harlow and Cheri Thompson for painting the trim in the hallway. Please check out the murals in the following rooms:

Preschool: Jesus with children

Nursery: Noah's ark

Jr. High – Teen Commandments

FUMC lounge – complete with a comfy couch!

Bathrooms – painted with "oops" paint for \$10

Hallway – mural in progress

Check out what other churches are doing:

<http://www.rotation.org/picpages/main.htm>

Format for Sunday School

The children will accompany parents at the beginning of church and be dismissed to Sunday School after Children's Time. Once downstairs, children ages K-12 will meet in the lounge. We will take attendance, express joys and concerns, collect an offering, make announcements, and then disperse to Sunday school classes.

Please encourage your children to bring an offering every week.

No Electronics Policy

Please no cell phones or other electronic devices during Sunday School classes. Learning about God requires good listening and students distracted by text messages won't be able to hear God's message. Please inform your kids.

Allergies

If your child has allergies, please let us know. We have cooking classes as well as movie days where we serve popcorn and other snacks.

Computer Lab Supplies Needed

We thank everyone for their donations of computer equipment. We have 4 working computers. Here's what we need for a complete setup: 1 keyboard, 2 mice, 4 sets of headphones. Please let Stephen Ferguson know if you have any of these items. We will conduct FUMC's first computer class on 10/4!

**Please be sure to fill out the Sunday School Registration (attached)
and bring on 1st day of Sunday School**

Curriculum Begins 9/20

Below you will find the age groupings as well as a description of the curriculum provided. Please let us know if you feel your child would be better suited in another age group. Each child's needs are different and we want to make sure they are in a class that is best for them. Our teachers may make a suggestion also. Our goal is for children to be comfortable and excited about going to Sunday School each week.

Nursery A quiet, safe place for children infant to 2 years old.

Preschool: Children ages 3-4 will be read a short Bible story and then make a craft item, followed by play time.

Elementary: K-1 and 2nd – 6th Workshop Rotation

Last October we introduced the workshop rotation program for elementary students and both teachers and students liked it. We decided to continue with the program for K-1 and 2-6 grades. On 9/20 we will begin workshops on Plagues and Passover. Remember, the workshop rotation program teaches the same Bible story for 4 or more Sundays using medium like cooking, crafts, games, movies, drama and computers.

7th-12th Bible Lessons for Youth

This curriculum applies the Bible to real-life issues that teens face in the secular world. Lesson material is presented with modern cutting-edge graphics that capture teen attention. Interesting class activities stimulate teens to conduct self-examination, think about serious issues, make value judgments, and apply Biblical principles to real-world situations.

Workshop Curriculum for Plagues and Passover

Cyber Bible: View animated story of Moses and Pharaoh. Learn about the heroines of the Exodus story. Make your own Haggadah.

Eat Your Way through the Bible: A simple Seder meal will be prepared and shared by the class.

Mary & Martha's B&B: Two storytellers, Shiphrah and Puah, tell their story of the genocide of the Hebrew baby boys, their relationship with God and the salvation of Moses. Make a basket to remember both the salvation of Moses and the people of Israel.

Moved by the Spirit: Playing games like Plaguescotch, Pharaoh May I, and Leapfrog (Passover), learn about how God convinced Pharaoh to free the Hebrew slaves. Create a reenactment of the crossing of the Red Sea.

Plagues and Passover Workshop Schedule			
Date	Workshop	Teachers	Age
9/13	Fun Fair	All teachers	all
9/20	1) Mary & Martha's B&B	Apryl	2-6
	2) Moved by the Spirit	Diane	K-1
9/27	Family Worship – no Sunday School		
10/4	1) Cyber Bible	Dana	2-6
	2) Eat your Way through the Bible	Dawn	K-1
10/11	Columbus Day – Movie	Tracy	K-6
10/18	1) Mary & Martha's B&B	Apryl	K-1
	2) Moved by the Spirit	Diane	2-6
10/25	Family Worship – no Sunday School		
11/1	1) Cyber Bible	Dana	K-1
	2) Eat your Way through the Bible	Dawn	2-6



Teachers

Nursery:

Diedre Bassignani

Preschool

Kristin Francisco

Shawna Ray

Elementary

Dana Biello – Computers

Dawn Harlow

Diane Hooper

Apryl Griffen

7th-12

John Gage

George Remus

Sharyn Linblad

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Sunday School Assistants, Monitors needed!

We will need substitute teachers, preschool assistants, and monitors for Sunday school. Please email Tracy Gage at thegagefamily@comcast.net if you can help.

Sunday School Attire

We encourage children to dress comfortably each week for Sunday school. We will be using paint and craft supplies, playing games and cooking. At times this might get messy. God loves your children even if they don't wear their Sunday best.



Sunday School Registration

Date _____

Parent(s)/Guardian Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Child #1

Name _____ Name preferred to be called _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade in School _____ Confirmed _____

Health Info/Allergies _____

Would you like to have your child partake in communion with their class? Yes No

If in diapers, do you give permission to change diaper? Yes ____ No ____

Child #2

Name _____ Name preferred to be called _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade in School _____ Confirmed _____

Health Info/Allergies _____

Would you like to have your child partake in communion with their class? Yes No

If in diapers, do you give permission to change diaper? Yes ____ No ____

Child #3

Name _____ Name preferred to be called _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade in School _____ Confirmed _____

Health Info/Allergies _____

Would you like to have your child partake in communion with their class? Yes No

If in diapers, do you give permission to change diaper? Yes ____ No ____

VOLUNTEER POSITION

I can help in my child's Christian education in the following areas:

Teacher _____ (Age group preference) _____

Substitute Teacher _____ P-K Classroom helper _____ Nursery helper _____ Monitor _____

Christmas Pageant _____

Availability: Flexible ____ 1x a month ____ Every 6 weeks ____ **Name(s):** _____

Note: Youth may increase their service hours by co-teaching, nursery and Pre-K help.

Names of youth that want to help: _____