

PCPC KIDS FAITH FORMATION

Faith & Fellowship Hour provides the opportunity for people of every age to learn and grow together in Christ. The theme for this year is "Loving God, Loving Neighbor." During this time (10:05-10:50 a.m.) children will be led in a Deep Blue Adventure by a team of caring and faithful adults. Each week will be an adventure exploring Bible stories through science experiments, art, video storytelling, and active games designed to help children learn and grow together in Christ. Our *Loving God, Loving Neighbor* theme will go deep and explore:

- Being with God
- Love God and neighbor
- Understand Themselves as Children of God
- Explore Faith and the Bible

A Deep Blue Adventure can be found in:

Eastminster 102 for Pre-K3 and 4
Westminster 207 for Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Westminster 210 for 2nd and 3rd Grade
Westminster 206 for 4th and 5th Grade



Worship bags, folders, and bulletins can be found at the entrance to each worship space. These are designed to engage children by following the bulletin in the worship service and to aid adults worshiping with children in teaching them how to worship. Worship bags this year will have a few enhancements to allow children to listen while using their bodies to manipulate quiet objects. We will begin placing in the main bulletin key scripture verses, mealtime prayers, blessings, and questions to consider called Taking Faith Home that follows the lectionary passages for the day.

A Eight-week parenting class on developing strong parenting techniques and strategies begins on September 8th during the Faith and Fellowship Hour. The "Love and Logic" approach to parenting is built around the science of crafting caring and respectful relationships. Whether you're embarking for the first time with your new baby or navigating the turbulent teens with your youngest, these strategies and techniques will help you create calm and loving solutions. This class will be facilitated by Corinne Gaertner and will be held in Westminster 202/204. A chance to find out a little about the class and the leader will held on Aug. 25th in the same room.

STAY TOGETHER SUNDAYS

It's with great excitement that we are introducing *Stay Together Sundays* in August. *Stay Together Sundays* will take place each Communion Sunday for the next year encouraging children of all ages to stay together with the body for the entirety of worship. Logistically, this means there will be no Godly Play option for our children ages 3 through 1st grade as our hope is they'll stay together with us and worship with their families. Childcare will always be available in the nursery area should you need it on those Sundays.

As with any celebration or meal there is work in order for it to happen. We acknowledge that with this new way of participating is more work for the parents of children who typically attend Godly Play. We, as the church, covenant to work alongside of you so we can share together in this celebratory family meal. The Children's Ministry Team has worked and created *A Parent's Guide: Children & Communion* in order to help parents/guardians talk with their children in order to prepare them to participate in the meal. You will find the guides located around the church campus and on the church website.

RECREATION

Games in the Courtyard is a chance for children to play and re-create with games led by Kelly McCord from 6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. following Wednesday Night Suppers. For safety reasons, one parent/guardian is required to be present during the thirty minute time. Last Games in Courtyard is May 13, 2020.

Girls' Volleyball is led by John McClung and other qualified coaches for Kindergarten through 8th graders in the gym. This is a skills based program that has a Fall and Spring season in addition to seasonal camps and clinics. Visit the church website for current season information and to register.

SUMMER CAMPS 2020

Vacation Bible School and Musicamp are beloved by children and adults alike! Mark your calendars for June 1st-5th now for these camps, and stay tuned for more information in February. VBS is open to 4 years-5th grade.

Cedarkirk Day Camp will be July 27th-31st and promises to bring another week of exploring God's love and Word through art, games, songs, and bible study on-site by the Cedarkirk Staff. Cedarkirk Day camp is open to completed K-5th Grade.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- Aug. 11th** – Blessing of the Backpacks, Welcome to Godly Play Orientation
- Aug. 14th** – Dinner, Children's Choirs begin, Music & Movement & Games in the Courtyard begin
- Aug. 18th** – Dive Back Into Deep Blue Faith & Fellowship Hour
- Aug. 25th** – Stay Together Sunday (Communion) Justice Seekers begins
- Sept. 8th** – Eight-week Parenting Class Begins
- Sept. 22th, 29th, Oct. 6th** – 2nd Grade Welcome to Worship
- Oct. 6th** – Stay Together Sunday (Communion)
- Oct. 18th** – Parents Night Out
- Oct. 27th** – 3rd Graders receive Bibles, Parents & Children attend Bible Blitz
- Nov. 1st** – Family Movie Night
- Nov. 3rd** – Stay Together Sunday (Communion)
- Nov. 22nd - 24th** – PCPC Retreat at Cedarkirk
- Dec. 1st** – Stay Together Sunday (Communion)
- Dec. 8th** – Living Nativity
- Dec. 11th** – Jolley Trolley
- Dec. 15th** – Project Christmas
- Jan. 5th** – Sausage & Stars, Stay Together Sunday (Communion)
- Jan. 6th** – Family Fun Day
- Jan. 12th** – 1st Grade Touch the Water
- Feb. 22nd** – God's Gift of Human Sexuality
- Mar. 1st** – Journey to Jerusalem Prayer Walk, Stay Together Sunday (Communion)
- April 19th** – Stay Together Sunday (Communion)
- May 3rd** – 5th Grade Move UP!
- Jun. 1st - 5th** – VBS and Music Camp
- Jul. 27th - 31st** – Cedarkirk Day Camp

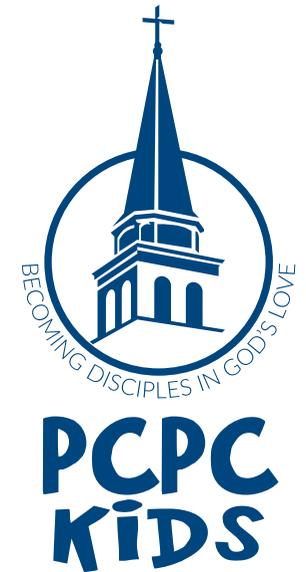
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PCPC KIDS & SUNDAY MORNINGS

Infant changing stations are now located in the first floor breezeway women's and men's restrooms and on the second floor of Eastminster near the gym.

Nursery care is provided on the first floor of Eastminster (101, 103, 104) throughout Sunday morning for children birth to three years old. All nursery staff and workers are current in First Aid and infant, child, and adult CPR certifications. Throughout the morning children are cared for with love and during the Faith & Fellowship Hour they hear a bible story and music which shares God's love with them. Contact Jeanne Rowe Childcare Coordinator pirate3@aol.com with questions.

Godly Play is a Lectionary-based worship designed from a Montessori-based storytelling system for children ages three through First grade. All children begin worship with their families in the primary worship space and are welcome to remain throughout the service. Following the children's message in each service children three through First grade have the option of continuing worship with their peer group at Godly Play, located in Covenant Hall Room 101. Parent/Guardians are asked to escort their children to the Godly Play room where they will be welcomed by trained staff, at which time parents/guardians may return to worship.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING & GROWING OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome to Worship (Sept. 22nd & 29th from 12:00-1:45 p.m.) is designed to welcome and assist **Second graders** into full worship participation with the community of believers. Second graders and a parent/guardian are invited to this special opportunity. Beginning with lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Kelly McCord and Allison Kelly, we will investigate and explore the who, where, and why's of Worship within the Presbyterian tradition. These second graders will help lead the communion liturgy on World Communion Sun., Oct. 6th.

Touch the Water (Jan. 12th from 10:05-10:45 a.m.) is a class just for First Graders and their parents to explore Jesus' Baptism and remember you own. In some cases, we will plan a future baptism. This class will be led by Kelly McCord and Allison Kelly.

Justice Seekers is a Faith Formation experience just for Fourth and Fifth graders to deepen their faith by exploring topics from Fellowship, Christian Living, Bible, and Mission & Service. Justice Seekers is a place where this age group can share the highs and lows of their life as they form strong bonds of friendship. Led by Children's Ministry Program Assistant, Kelly McCord and Director of Children and Families, Allison Kelly. We meet two to three times each month on Sunday afternoons beginning on **Aug. 25th from 4:00-5:15 p.m.** in Westminster Room 206.

Third Grade Bible – (Sun., Oct. 27th) Bibles will be presented to Third graders at all worship services. Following the worship services, a **Bible Blitz for Children** will be offered to parents and children. This class will teach the foundational tools for exploring the bible for a lifelong journey of reading and study. **Bible Blitz for Parents** will be led by Rev. Will Wellman on the same day at the same time. Parents and children join together and share new discoveries. Children and parents who missed the opportunity in the past are welcome to attend. Participants need to register for this class through Nancy Creedon NancyC@palmaceia.org.

Parent's Night Out (Fri., Oct. 18th from 5:30-8:30 p.m.) is an opportunity for parents to have an evening out while children (infant - 5th grade) enjoy a fun night at the church. The evening will include dinner, recreation, bible story, and a movie. The cost for the event is free but parents MUST register before the deadline on Mon., Oct. 7th. Food donations to Beth-El Farm Ministry are welcome.

Retreat at Cedarkirk – (Nov. 22nd-24th, 2019) Open to the entire PCPC faith family. Registration will open in September. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy God's gift of creation through playing games, building relationships, and worshipping together along the Alafia River. The weekend will

also provide the opportunity for a rock wall climb, ropes course, zip-line, hunt for shark teeth, go for walks, or just sit in a rocking chair.

Living Nativity (Dec. 8th) helps the community, including children and families, prepare for the Christmas season in a meaningful way. A variety of nativity scenes will be set up for families to experience the coming of Christ from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in addition to family advent activity. A simple supper is served in Fellowship Hall 5:00-6:00 p.m. Children wishing to participate in the Living Nativity are invited to the game room for costuming as angels or shepherds at 5:30 p.m. The Living Nativity begins on the lawn outside of the sanctuary at 6:15 p.m.

Family Movie Night (Nov. 1st at 5:30 p.m.) is an opportunity to experience a family friendly film together in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a chair or a blanket. Popcorn and hot-dog dinner provided.

Sausages and Stars – (Jan. 5th) Join us in the Fellowship Hall between 10:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. for Sausages and Stars as we celebrate Epiphany and the journey of the Wise Men to find Jesus with activities shared around the tables.

Family Fun Day – (Jan. 6th) On this extended day off of public schools, families will have the opportunity to explore something nearby.

God's Gift of Human Sexuality (Sat., Feb. 22nd) is a workshop for Fourth/Fifth grade girls and Fifth grade boys along with their parents designed to address puberty and vocabulary for conversations around sexuality as a gift from God. An informational meeting for parents will be held on Feb. 16th from 4:00-5:15 p.m.

Journey to Jerusalem Prayer Walk – (Mar. 1st) The congregation, including children and families, will have the opportunity to prepare together for a meaningful participation during the first Sunday in Lent. We will come together for an active walk of prayer and a few hands-on activities throughout the church from 4:30-5:30 p.m. A shared meal at 5:30 p.m. will conclude the experience.

MUSIC

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"

The music program of PCPC is an integral part of our worship. Those in choirs have the opportunity to lead the congregation in hymns and to present inspiring music.

The Joyful Noise Choir is for Pre-K4 through First graders in Westminster Room 210. The choir meets from 5:00-5:45 p.m. The children will learn to sing songs of worship and will also engage in the wonderful choruses of faith that have nurtured generations.

The Junior Choir, led by Nancy Callahan and Ashley Greenfield, is open for children Second through Fifth grades. This choir engages in learning rhythm, singing in parts, playing instruments, and sight singing. Junior Choir rehearses in the Chancel Choir room (across from the gym) from 5:00-5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays. A complete schedule will be available online.

Music and Movement is a class offered for children birth through 3 years old. This time together includes songs, rhythmic rhymes, movement, and instrument play. Activities are informal, non-performance-oriented experiences--appropriate for children and easy for parents and caregivers--regardless of their own musical ability. Class is held from 5:00-5:30 p.m. or whenever Wednesday night dinners are held. This class is located in Westminster 207. Kelly McCord and occasionally others will be leading this time. Last Music and Movement is May 13, 2020.

Junior Bell Choir is for children 9-11 years old to learn basic music reading skills and make music together. Bonnie Givens bgivens50@hotmail.com leads this bell choir on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

For a detailed choir calendar, visit the church website.