

# Children's Ministry

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**Volunteers** are appreciated and needed in **all** parts of children's ministry. If you want to get involved, please contact Kelley.

**Bridge Builders:** Bridge Builders will resume Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bridge Builders will be held every Tuesday evening from 6:00-7:30. We focus on being kind to others and building community.

**Parent Night Out:** Mark your calendars for the first Parent Night Out, Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 9:00pm. Must RSVP a week before.

**Trunk or Treat:** October 27<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm. If you are interested in helping organize this event, please contact Kelley. We will need families to sign up for trunks and or games. If you would like to donate candy or trinkets there will be a tub in the Narthex.

**Children Worship & Wonder:** Children Worship & Wonder is worshiping in room 119.

**Bridge Builders Choir:** In the small quad with Ms. Kristin. Choir will begin at 10:00 am. Followed by Faith Formation at 10:20-10:45. Christmas program is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Children's Faith Formation:** 10:20-10:45 Sundays in small quad. Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> meet in room 225. This time on Sunday mornings will be filled with going deeper into our Theme/Story for the day. We will also have an ongoing project for the children to work on. Our time together is:

- 1) Gathering
- 2) Bible Readings/Wonderings
- 3) Stations: (may contain one or more of the following)
  - a) science/game
  - b) story building
  - c) art
  - d) history/map making
- 4) Closing/Blessings

**Sanctuary Kids:** 4-6<sup>th</sup> graders have the opportunity to serve in the sanctuary the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Offering, prayer, communion are all chances to go up front and lead worship. Working with our sound people and shadowing Kent are other ways to learn what goes on in Sunday worship.

# ***ABC'S FOR PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF CHILDREN***

**Arrive** in time to find a good place to sit. Sit where younger children have a good view of the chancel.

**Bring** something along for small children to hold or look at - something soft and quiet - crayons, drawing paper.

**Clue** in children as to what will happen next in worship. Children who can read will want to go over the litanies and find the hymns in the hymnal. They like to be ready.

**Discuss** worship at home to prepare children for any departures from the routine of worship such as a baptism. Also, give time to answer questions about worship.

**Express** your gladness at having children in worship. During the greeting, be sure to welcome the children near you. Include them in your conversation before and after worship to let them know they belong.

**Free** yourself from worry about children's behavior and be open to receiving their ministry to you.

**Give** thanks to God for the presence of children in worship.

**Help** parents of small children by showing your appreciation for **our children.**

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