

Children's Ministry 22-23

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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 be held every Wednesday evening from **6:00-7:00pm**. Bridge Builders begins **Wednesday, September 14th**. We focus on being kind to others and building community. (no BB on 10/26, 11/23, 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 3/29 and last BB 5/3)

Parent Night Out: Mark your calendars for the first Parent Night Out, **Friday, September 23rd, 6:00 to 9pm**. Save the dates for other PNOs 12/2, 2/10, & 4/14. (Reservations are required)

Trunk or Treat: Saturday, October 22nd, 4-6pm. 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 bin 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**. Choir begins September 4th. Christmas program is scheduled for **December 3rd**. Spring Child Led service **April 16, 2023 @ 10am**.

Children's Faith Formation: 10:20-10:45 Sundays in small quad. Grades 3rd – 5th meet in room 225. This time on Sunday mornings will be filled with going deeper into our Theme/Story for the day. Our time together is:

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

Sanctuary Kids: 3rd – 5th graders have the opportunity to serve in the sanctuary the 4th 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.

Easter Egg Hunt: April 1st at 10am

Vacation Bible School: June 5-8th, 9-11am

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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