

Children's Prayer Circle

On Sundays during the 11 a.m. service following Children's Time, 4 years old through 4th Grade are dismissed to "Children's Prayer Circle" in the Discovery Room on the main level.

Children continue in a prayer centered experience with music, art, story and activities. The theme this year is "Around the World in 80 Days."



Watch the bulletins, newsletters and website for special family and children events throughout the year.

Locations

- Babies and Toddlers in the Nursery
- Pre-School thru Early Kindergarten in the Awakenings Room (Second Floor)
- Kindergarten thru 3rd Grade in the Horizons Room (Second Floor)
- 4th Grade and 5th Grade in The PIT (Lower Level)
- 6th Grade thru 12th Grade in The Alley (Lower Level)

Interested in volunteering in one of these areas?

Contact Nichea Ver Veer Guy,
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Children's Ministries



Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Awakenings

Pre-School thru Early Kindergarten

Imagine a space for Pre-School age children where learning about God is FUN! Our classroom is a roomy area with large and small motor activities for your child.



Our teachers use the *Hands-On Curriculum* for Pre-School which engages young children through movement, music, story and play. It introduces them to how we interact and become a faith community. Check out www.group.com for detailed info.

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Horizons

Kindergarten thru Third Grade

This classroom is for children Kindergarten thru Third Grade and is designed in a Montessori environment. It utilizes the *Children and Worship* curriculum which allows children to learn the Bible through manipulation and by experiencing specially made materials. This is a great entry point of Christian faith for children. God in mystery, awe and wonder comes alive as the children dwell in the presence of God as a way of knowing, developing the knowledge base needed in practicing our faith.



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The PIT

Preteen in Transition

This experience is offered for Preteens, Fourth thru Fifth Grade. The environment is designed with the preteen in mind, with engaging posters, gaming, age level resources, dvd's and, of course, comfort. The *Hands-On Curriculum* prepares this group to express their faith through action. It gives them interactive skills that engage their lives with God's mission.



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In order to provide these wonderful opportunities for our children, we rely on volunteer teaching teams. Curriculum and room resources are provided for you and lesson plans are very simple to implement. Being with the children becomes the most important part of their experience. We would welcome your time as a volunteer in our 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Program! Teams are set up in convenient rotations and a Kick-Off Orientation is offered to prepare the volunteer teaching teams. On-going support is offered through staff and the Children's Council.

Nursery

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Babies and Toddlers

We are excited to introduce our two nursery rooms to you, the Wee-Ones and the Travelers, staffed by safe sanctuary certified, paid employees.

Our Wee-Ones (green) room provides care for our infants, crawlers, and beginning walkers. Miss Ann and Miss Katie are anxious to meet your “Wee-Ones” and enjoy tummy time, stories, music and, of course, some cuddles.

Our Travelers (yellow) room provides care for our sturdy walkers/toddlers and any preschooler who is working hard towards diaper free days. Miss Lisa will be working with your “Travelers” by providing a short bible story and activity, along with play time, music and a snack.

We will be utilizing the ‘Play-N-Worship’ curriculum from Group.

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Village *Birth to 18 months - 4-4:45 p.m.*

We take those special bonding moments between you and your baby and add in a unique blend of musical learning activities that stimulate and engage all of the senses. Your educator will teach you how to encourage your baby's learning through vocal play, object exploration, instruments and creative movement.

Our Time: Milk and Cookies *18 months to 3 years - 5:15-6 p.m.*

Imagine the aroma of baking cookies, the coziness of the family kitchen, the chatter among sisters, brothers, grandmas, granddads, mom and dad and the anticipation and excitement of having friends come to visit. These moments at home are times to be shared and treasured. These special moments are captured in *Milk & Cookies*.

Imagine That!: Hello Weather! *3 to 6 years - 5:30-6:15 p.m.*

Let's Play Together!—sunshine, rain, snow, thunderstorms and more in this imaginative and delightful weather-related musical adventure. This unit takes you and your child on a musical journey of discovery and exploration...a journey limited only by the power of imagination.

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