

Palm Sunday

The Christian Education Committee will have Palm branches available for the children to carry into the McIver Fellowship Hall and the sanctuary prior to both worship services. The children will walk down the aisle during the first hymn and lay the branches on the chancel. We will need a couple of parent volunteers to assist with the children while they are waiting to come forward. Please call Susan at the church if you are willing to help.

Vacation Bible School

Lisa Kimble and Valerie Davenport have placed a sign-up board for Vacation Bible School in the colonnade. The dates for VBS are June 24th - 28th.

There are many positions available, some to lead, some to help and some to teach. There are also registration sheets for children and adults who plan to attend. Please mark your calendars now and invite your friends!

Update from Susan's Workshops

I have just returned from a whirlwind of workshops! In Philadelphia, I was with the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators. We had worship everyday, a keynote speaker everyday and our evenings were filled with learning General Assembly decisions and awards. The days were packed full of informational workshops! I attended many hours of learning and participating in conversation groups. Among the workshops I attended were: How to Deliver a Children's Sermon, Bridges and Boundaries (Discussing practical and relational issues, tools for improving well being, and exploring professional boundaries), Discerning God's Will, Helping

Children Develop a 3-D Faith, and a lengthy workshop discussing Lifelong Learning and Goals for Christian Education for Our Church (Taking Christiana Education through a process with a design team to discuss what we are doing that is working and what our goals are.) I was among several hundred other Presbyterian Church Educators dealing with similar issues.

While in Indianapolis, I participated in Group Publishing's National Youth Conference. We had worship everyday, a keynote speaker every morning and evening, an 8 hour workshop on Developing Teenage Disciples, and several mini workshops and conversation groups dealing with youth groups. We explored different options for deepening youth groups and the different levels of commitment of the youth and their parents. This was a very informative and helpful seminar! As usual, there were lots of products available for purchase to enhance youth group devotions, group building, and fellowship opportunities. I was able to purchase a couple of new topical devotion books, group building games and tools, and an excellent resource book.

Both events were very beneficial to me in trying to enhance our Christian Education programs. The ideas shared were almost overwhelming. It will take some time to process all the information I received from these 2 conferences. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this church, to learn more, and the openness to implement some new programs and ideas!

KICKS & Youth Club

Lent has begun and the caterpillars are going through huge changes! They have more than tripled in size and have even begun to form a chrysalis. Soon, we will have butterflies. As we watch the changes in the caterpillars, we are learning how God helps to change us, our attitudes, our ability to study and learn more, and our willingness to serve God better. May we continue to grow in the Lord.

There are still 2 Wednesday nights that need a teacher, March 7th and 14th. If you can lead a class for the K-2nd graders (KICKS), please contact Susan in the church office. Thank You!



It's a Zoo Out There!

The Christian Education Committee would like to invite you to go to the zoo as a family on Saturday, March 17th. We will meet at the church at 9am. Families can carpool if they would like. We would like for everyone to wear an FPC t-shirt, so please call Susan in the church office to sign up and give your shirt size. Cost of admission is as follows:

Adults	\$10.00
Sr. Citizens (62 and older)	8.00
College Students (with valid ID)	8.00
Children ages 2 - 12	6.00
Children under 2	Free

Hope to see everyone there!