



Children's Ministry NEWS

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Sunday School

Beginning March 13th we will be using an exciting new curriculum called **Vision Beautiful** by Seasons of the Spirit. I think you will really like it!

At our recent Sunday school teacher forum we discussed what we love about Sunday school and what we wanted to do differently. This is what came from that discussion:



- You can expect to have the same four teachers each month so that you can get to know them and they can get to know you better.
- You can expect your teachers to talk with you about establishing rituals in your class, doing a mission project together, and planning a fun activity as a class. Each class will be different, so you have something to look forward to each year.
- We talked about the importance of spending time each week reading the Bible, praying together and having time for fellowship. Since most of you are at different schools, you need fun and fellowship time to get to know each other. Because if you don't know each other you are less likely to participate in class or want to be there — and we want you to **want** to be here!

As teachers and ministerial staff we promise to do our best to make Sunday school fun, informative and meaningful.

club 45

Club 45 is our youth group for 4th and 5th graders. We meet about twice a month on a Sunday afternoon for dinner (bring \$5) and a program or outing. Parents help out with serving dinner. Here are the dates for the next few months:

Sunday, February 20

Program Leader: Melissa Lamm
Dinner Crew: Susan LeGrand (w/UMYF)

Sunday, March 6

Program Leaders: Neal Brislin & Thaedra Withrow
Dinner Crew: Tracy Nipp & Trish Baker

Sunday, March 20 "Sabbath Time and Seder Meal"

Program Leader: Erin Dennis
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Sunday, April 3

Program Leader: Melissa Lamm
Dinner Crew: Christie Jones (w/UMYF)

Sunday, April 17 Palm Sunday, "Labyrinth"

Program Leader: Beth Griffiths
Dinner Crew: *need parent volunteer (w/UMYF)*

Saturday, May 7 Lock Out

times TBA
need parent volunteers

Sunday, May 15 Family Cookout

Cookout at Boyce Park (families are invited)

Celebrating a



Adam Ellington will be **9** on February 10!

Cole Howard will be **9** on February 12!

Lily Huemmer will be **7** on February 26!

Emma Nipp will be **10** on February 27!

CREATED BY GOD

Our "Created By God" Human Sexuality workshop for 4th and 5th graders and their parents is scheduled for April 7-9. Susan Vaseleniuck, Music Program Administrator at Davidson United Methodist Church, will be our facilitator. She has taught the class for six years and very much sees this as a part of her ministry.

To register for the class you can either email me at melissalamm@ststephenmc.net or sign up on the bulletin board outside my office by March 6 at which time the registration fee will also be due. The registration fee is \$40 per child (\$60 for two or more children in a family). The cost covers the book, lunch, snacks and a small portion of the program expense. Books will be available through the church office beginning March 6th.

Susan will meet with parents on Wednesday, March 16th to give you an opportunity to meet her, ask questions and review the material being used. We do ask that if you sign up your child that one or both parents be at this meeting. More information will be mailed to all participants prior to the workshop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BINGO NIGHT

Saturday, March 19

6-8pm in the fellowship hall

Bingo, PRIZES, Popcorn and Ice Cream Sundaes!

Items needed: Please help by donating prizes for children and adults

such as: \$5 gift cards to fast food restaurants, or stores like Walmart, Target, or Blockbuster, homemade cookies, or candies (peanut free please), markers, pens, notepads, stickers, baseballs, bubbles etc. We need all donations by Thursday, March 17th and they can be left in the box outside Melissa's office.



Easter Egg Hunt

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Catered Lunch

Sunday, April 17

Zaxby's lunch, face painting, balloons, and egg hunt.

Items Needed: Plastic eggs and peanut-free candy, such as: Skittles, Starburst, Sweet Tarts, jelly beans, etc. We need all donations by Sunday, April 10th and they can be left in the box outside Melissa's office.

Summer Time

CAMP TEKOA

July 10-16 for 9-11 year olds, the cost for the full week is \$395. Children 7-9 years old can attend the mini-camp which is either Sunday to Wednesday or Wednesday to Saturday, and the cost is \$200. See Melissa or Katie Dirks if you are interested in going. Look for brochures outside Melissa's office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 18-22, from 9am-noon

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CAMP

August 1-5, from 9am-1pm. The performance will be Sunday, August 7.