



Children's Ministry NEWS

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CLUB 45

I am super delighted and excited about starting a new year in Club 45. We have lots of fun things planned this year. Our first meeting will be

September 18th at 5:00. We will meet in room 108.

Our new vision and mission statement along with the scripture passage Matthew 5:13-16, which talks about our being salt and light to the world, will guide our programs for the year. We will also be doing a number of different mission projects such as helping with our new school partnership with Greenway Park Elementary, making some things for Habitat homes, and visiting homebound members and the residents of Avante Nursing Home. Finally, two fun events you will want to put on your calendar are our Lock Out on Saturday, November 5th and our spring retreat on May 4-5 which will be at the Valle Crucis Retreat Center in Blowing Rock.

CLUB 45 DATES FOR THE FALL:

(Club 45 meets from 5-7pm in the Fireside Room; bring \$5 for dinner)

- September 18 (meeting in room 108)
- October 2
- October 16
- November 5 — Lock Out
- November 20
- December 4 — Christmas Caroling at Avante Nursing Home & dinner out (time TBD)
- December 18 — Progressive Dinner and Christmas Party (offsite)

Mini CROP Walk

Sunday, October 16, 10:10am

The Charlotte CROP Hunger Walk raises awareness and funds locally to fight hunger. Since its first walk in 1978, Charlotte has raised over \$6 million to relieve hunger, with \$1.6 million staying in the community.

We're going to help raise funds and awareness right here at St. Stephen for our children. On Sunday, September 11 during Sunday school, all children will be given a pledge card for the Crop Hunger Walk. On Sunday, October 16, the children will go on a "Mini Crop Walk" during the Sunday school hour. We will meet in the Fireside Room at 10:00 and begin walking at 10:15. On the day of the Crop Walk, the children should turn in their pledge cards and money to their Sunday school teachers. Please wear your new children's ministry T-shirt (they will be available to purchase for the next two Sunday mornings outside the Fireside Room) or simply plan to wear a yellow T-shirt.



THE VISION OF
ST. STEPHEN UMC:

to be the Hands
Feet & Heart
of Jesus Christ

Fall Festival

Saturday, September 24 (11am-3pm)

Come celebrate Fall at St. Stephen UMC with the Preschool and the Children's Ministry Team. We'll have bouncy houses, face painting, balloon animals, food vendors, popcorn, cotton candy, and the ice cream truck!! Need I say more? It will be big fun! Plan to join us — and bring a friend.

Children's Music

Children's music opportunities go along with CONNECT! Wednesday programming. See the website for more details. **Starts Wednesday, September 14!**

- **Music Explorers (3 & 4 year olds)**
5:30-6:00 in room 36
- **Cherub Choir (TK & Kindergarten)**
5:30-6:00 in room 34
- **Music Makers (1st & 2nd grade)**
5:15-6:00 in room 8/9
- **Young Musicians (3rd-5th grade)**
5:15-6:00 in the choir room
- **Beginning Chimes (3rd-5th grade)**
6:30-7:00 in room 7

All children's groups meet through March. Questions? Contact Julia Hubbard at (704) 364-1824 x 221 or juliahubbard@ststephenumc.net.

congratulations

Have you won an award at school, received special recognition in Cub Scouts or Girl Scouts? Has your sports team won an award? Is your artwork displayed someplace? Have you received a new belt in Karate? If so we would love to hear about it so we can celebrate with you! Please e-mail your news to me at melissalamm@ststephenumc.net.

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Celebrating a



Owen Smith will be **9** on September 5
Riley Morales will be **3** on September 9
Anne Carlton will be **4** on September 9
Kenzie Dirks will be **10** on September 13
Benjamin Stokley will be **9** on September 15
Maddy Blong will be **8** on September 26
Davis Ingle will be **11** on September 27



This month: Maddy Counts, a 5th grader at Weddington Elementary

- Would you rather ride roller coasters or go horse-back riding? [Ride a roller coaster.](#)
- If you got into an elevator and the President was in the elevator, what would you ask him? ["Is it fun living in the White House?"](#)
- For a day, would you rather go back in time 100 years or forward in time 100 years? [I would rather go forward in time 100 years.](#)
- My favorite meal that my mom or dad makes is [chicken parmesan.](#)
- The superhero that I would most like to be is [Super Woman, so I could fly!!](#)