
SUMC Kid Connection

"Connecting Kids to Life"

Summer Fun Days

We have some exciting events planned for this summer so mark your calendars now! Please note that reservations are suggested for most events so we can make sure we have enough supplies, food chaperones, and/or tickets. *Children will be promoted to their new classes on Sunday, August 23rd, 2009 so for all summer activities please register as the preschool class or grade they have just completed.*

Wednesday, June 10th, 5:45-8pm - have the family come celebrate the beginning of summer with a "School's Out" cookout. Dinner will be served from 5:45-6:45pm followed by relay races and games for the entire family. Donations will be accepted that night to cover the cost of dinner.

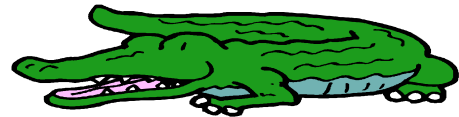
Friday, June 19th, 10am-1pm, Preschoolers-TK trip to Imaginon. This year it's the younger children's turn to ride the light-rail Uptown for a musical storytime called "Boogie Woogie Books". Bring a packed lunch to enjoy together at Imaginon. Parents are welcome to attend. Cost is \$2. Reservation deadline is June 17th.

Thursday, June 25th, 8:30am-5:30pm, Elementary children are invited to spend the day in Old Salem (Winston-Salem, NC). We will take a trip to this historic Moravian town and become "Salem Sleuths" as we look for clues to solve our mystery in the historic shops and residences. We will also get to participate in a "hands-on" activity and visit the famous bakery! Bring a bag lunch for a picnic on the grounds. Cost is \$20. Parents are welcome to attend this outing and pre-registration is required by May 31st.

Thursday, July 9th, 9am-12:30pm, CPCC Summer Theater. All ages (preschoolers need to

bring a parent along) are invited to see "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" and then return to the church for lunch from Chic-Fil-A. Cost is \$10. Tickets are limited so reservations will be "first come, first serve". Deadline is July 1st.

Tuesday-Friday, July 14-17, 9:30am-12:30pm-Vacation Bible School. All ages are invited as the church is transformed into Bayou country for "Crocodile Dock - Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Love". Cost is \$15 (includes a music CD). Pre-registration required. Forms will be available the month of May and deadline for registration is May 31st.



Tuesday, July 28th, 11am-4:30pm, Elementary children's trip to Discovery Place. We will ride the light rail to uptown, eat lunch at Brixx's Pizza and walk to Discovery Place to explore "Shipwreck! Pirates and Treasure". Cost is \$10. Reservation deadline is July 26th.

Wednesday, August 19th, 10am-noon, our annual Preschool Water Day. Come rain or shine for a morning of water play, games and a snack. Bring a bathing suit and sunscreen! This event is free but reservations are still suggested by August 17th.

Friday, August 28th, 6-9pm, Elementary Movie and Games night. School may have started but there is still time for some end of summer fun. Come for a pizza dinner, games, crafts, and a movie. Cost is \$3. Reservation deadline is August 26th.

We will need additional chaperones and drivers for most of these events. If you are interested, please contact Lorie Lewis, lorielewis@sharonumc.org.

Vacation Bible School

July 14-17 9:30am-12:30pm. Crocodile Dock will be a week of new friends, amazing crafts, wild games, great snacks, mind-blowing Bible adventures and incredible music. We'll help kids discover how to see God in everyday life through God Sightings and we will participate in a "hands-on" mission project for "Nothing but Nets". It will be a week "Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light". Registration will take place the month of May.

Easter Egg Hunt

We had a great day for the Easter Egg Hunt and all who attended had a wonderful time doing crafts, eating, getting their picture taken and, of course, hunting for and opening their eggs. Thanks to the following for their help in making this event a success: Jolinda Boelkins, Erwin and Eleanor Smith, Brenda Lampson, Sally Swanson, Cooper Lewis, Sharon Alive Kids participants, the 3rd-5th grade "egg hiders", Joe and Milly Martin and the many egg stuffers who got the job done in record time! We are already looking forward to next year!

Volunteers-The "heart" of Children's Ministry

We welcome **Brandi Bartee**, **Cindy Mazur** and **Beth Mintich** to the Godly Play team and Brandi also as a new nursery checker. We currently have additional volunteer opportunities available in the 3 and 4 year-old Sunday School class, the new Live B.I.G. activities, and Vacation Bible School. Please contact Lorie Lewis or Brenda Lampson (contact info at the end of this page) if you have an interest in serving in Children's Ministries.

Live B.I.G.

This program is designed for children in 4 year-old preschool-1st grade who attend the 11:15am worship service. Children begin worship in the sanctuary and are then dismissed for an opportunity to hear, see and live their **Belief In God**. Every session is based on the three Live B.I.G. truths: God is a great big God, God loves us with a great big love, and we are part of God's great big world. We will check each week with some lovable characters at The Station (through DVD) and explore the theme of the week through songs, crafts, games, discussions, and other engaging activities. May's B.I.G. theme is "**We believe God is the creator of our awesome universe.**" We will learn about all the wonderful things God has made-including us!

Permission Slips/Health Forms

It is hard to believe but it is time to complete new permissions slips/health forms and photo release forms for your children! These forms are part of our safe sanctuary policy and allow us to have the most current and accurate information about your children. New forms have been mailed to you but you can also find the forms on our website, www.sharonumc.org. Go to Children's Ministries and then "Downloadable Forms".



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