

Hello, St. Matthew's UCC families:

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and had the opportunity to do many fun things. I am writing to let you know Sunday School will be virtual this Fall and Winter. We will have one class for preschool through fifth grade students.

Our teachers are Dora Tartar, Connie Moretz, Jessica Slawter, Gabby Bentley, Diann Bittenbender and myself. We will rotate so you will see us in the Weekly Welcome video once every six weeks. I will send out weekly emails with class information and event reminders.

Our website will be updated Saturday evenings and your child can do class Sunday morning or at any time. You will find Sunday School materials by clicking on the For Kids tab at the top of <https://stmattsucckunkletown.com/>.

Each week, there will be an outline with that day's class activities. In the first video, the teacher will provide a welcome and overview of the day's Bible story, theme, activities, and an opening prayer. The kids will watch an animated video of the Bible story, do a craft or experiment using common household items (markers, construction paper, water bottles, empty paper towel rolls, etc.), sing along to a music video, and do a coloring sheet.

Our Rally Day kickoff is on September 13. Please join us for 9 a.m. worship in the grove. The children may sit on the carpet squares spread out in front of the gazebo. During my children's message, I will introduce the teachers. I'll have a few beach balls the kids can kick off to begin a new season of Bible lessons and activities.

Our monthly **Friday Fun Nights** will be held in the grove from 5 to 8 p.m. Parents are encouraged to stay with their kids. We will maintain social distance and wear masks, as well as sanitize surfaces.

* **September 25:** "Campout in the Grove". We will make hot dogs and s'mores on the campfire, do a scavenger hunt, and watch a movie. Then go home to sleep in our own beds! Rain date: Saturday, Sept 26 from 5 to 8 p.m.

* **October 30:** "Howling Happy Halloween Party". Come in costume. We'll scavenger hunt for hidden candy treats. We will dance to the Monster Mash and other songs. We will play low contact games like pin the nose on the witch. We will make hot dogs and s'mores on the campfire. It'll be a howling good time. Rain date: Sunday, November 1 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

* **November 27:** "Merry Movie Night". Weather permitting, we will watch a Christmas movie and kickoff the holiday season. We will watch something other than The Polar Express, which we saw a few times prior. We will eat pizza and cookies and drink hot chocolate! Bring blankets and dress warmly. Rain date: Saturday, Nov. 28 from 5 to 8pm.

Speaking of Christmas, we're not sure what to do with the Christmas pageant. We may film individual scenes with a few kids (the shepherds one day, 3 Kings another, etc.) and edit into one complete film to put on the website. Or we may do something like a puppet show. The CE committee will discuss this more at a later date.

Enclosed is a Sunday School Registration form. Please fill out and email to stacigeorge0317@gmail.com or mail to St. Matthew's UCC, 102 Church Road, Kunkletown, PA 18058. Attn: Sunday School.).

Yours in faith formation,

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