

## Calendar of Special Events

- ❖ September 11      Sundae Sunday  
Registration and Classes  
Ice Cream Sundaes after Church
  
- ❖ November 20      Thanksgiving Pumpkin  
Bread Baking Day
  
- ❖ December 18      Children's Christmas Pageant
  
- ❖ April 5              Palm Sunday -  
Children's Processional
  
- ❖ TBD                  Confirmation
  
- ❖ TBD                  Children's Sunday- Picnic
  
- ❖ TBD                  Vacation Bible School

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# The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC

## Sunday School Parent Handbook



## 2022-2023

## **Welcome to the Sunday School Ministry of the Congregational Church in Killingworth, United Church of Christ!**

We hope this booklet gives you an overview of what you and your child can expect. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Christian Education Committee, listed on the back cover. We welcome and encourage you to visit your child's classroom any time.

Sunday School classes welcome Pre-K students through Grade 12. Classes are held downstairs in the Parish Hall. All grades will occasionally hold sessions in the kitchen, outdoors, and in the Parish Hall.



## **Safe Church Policy**

To ensure the safety of all the children in our charge, we diligently follow Safe Church Procedures here at the Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC. A written copy of this policy can be found in the church office; or contact a member of the Christian Education Committee or the Pastor for more information.

## **Infant and Toddler Room**



Our Infant and Toddler Room is located on the lower level of the Parish Hall. A sound system broadcasts the worship service to the room. Parents may come and go from the worship service with your young children at any point.

## Sunday School Offering & Missions Programs

Each Sunday, an offering basket is passed in every classroom. This offering money is a separate fund that supports Sunday School Missions programs. It is not added to the offering taken during church services.



A key part of our offering goes to support a child in need. Through this personal connection, we teach our kids that the reach to help their neighbors is world-wide. We receive periodic updates from our sponsored child, and encourage our children to respond when appropriate. With this mission our Sunday School children make a difference in the world through real and lasting change for children and their communities.

The students researched and voted to support a child named Kenzie from Tennessee, USA. She will be 8 years old. We sponsor her through an organization called *Save the Children*. The Sunday School offering will help support her education, clothes, and food.



Our offering collection helps to teach the joy of giving and gives the child a concrete way to help all of God's people. Each child will receive a box of envelopes. Please DO NOT fill in the name and amount spaces, as what your family wishes to contribute is confidential.

## Attendance Policy



Now is a good time to think about Sunday School and what importance it holds in your family's life. We have a wonderful opportunity at our church, through our Sunday School classes and children's ministry, to bring the most important lessons you can teach your children - those of faith and God - into their lives. How you prioritize your schedule tells your children what you think of the importance of Sunday School and their faith education. Each week, our teachers take attendance. Just like school during the week, your child's presence is important.

If your child or someone in your family has an extended illness or other problems, please let the Pastor know. We, as a church family, are here to support you. Sometimes a child will mention something that is troubling him or her, or act differently in class. We can best help them and support you if we are made aware of a concern. Please feel free to talk to a Christian Education Committee member at any time.

Sunday School classes dismiss at 11:15 AM. Please wait outside the classrooms; the door will be opened when the class is dismissed. While you wait, please join us in the Parish Hall for coffee and fellowship.

## Our Curriculum

*Seasons of the Spirit* is an online resource created by and for local congregations to help us practice and discuss our faith in daily life. *Seasons of the Spirit* is based on the same Bible verses that we hear in church each Sunday.

On any Sunday morning you may find your child learning a biblical story and doing an activity which reinforces that story. You may find them making Good Samaritan soup mix or possibly painting a rainbow picture frame while relating to the story of Noah's Ark. There will be many opportunities for you to be involved; by sharing ideas, painting murals, helping with Mission projects.....The possibilities are endless.



## Our Classrooms

Infant & Toddler Room is located on the lower level of the Parish Hall, the first room on the right.

Pre-K (age 3) - Grade 1 will meet with a team of devoted teachers experienced in working with young children in the nursery school classroom, on the lower level of the Parish Hall.

Grades 2 through 12 will divide into groups for their classes. We are blessed with having two brightly colored and inviting classrooms on the bottom floor of our church building. The classrooms were designed to stimulate your children's senses as they learn Bible stories and lessons of God's love. Please feel free to check these classrooms out. On any given Sunday we may also be using the kitchen or be outside.



## Communion

On the first Sunday of each month, Communion is offered in the worship service. Our church encourages children of all ages to receive communion which consists of bread and grape juice.