Children's Ministry Newsletter April 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, April 7th: Family Worship at 11AM

Children remain in the Sanctuary to share in the traditional liturgy and hymns, and to receive Communion. Grab an activity kit or book from the Gathering Space. (Nursery care is available.)

Thursday, April 25th: <u>M&Ms Banquet – final M&Ms of the school-year</u>

Join us for a "Super-sized Celebration" at our final night of M&Ms for the school year! Wear your M&Ms t-shirts for pictures – Miss Cindy has extras if you need one. We will follow the regular schedule, but then all meet in the Sanctuary at 7pm for some final songs, pictures, and thank-yous!

Sunday, May 5th: Children's Chimes ring during 11AM Worship

Chime ringers should plan to meet Miss Marilyn at 10:15 to warm-up, location TBD.

LOOKING AHEAD – SAVE THE DATES:

Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30pm: VBS/Day Camp Volunteers Meeting

All youth and adult volunteers should plan to attend – will last no later than 8pm.

Sunday, May 26th: Acolyte Training/Recognition Sunday, 11am Worship

We will thank all children who served as Acolytes this school year - plan to attend if your child has been part of this ministry! Immediately following worship, we will have Acolyte training for all rising 2nd-6th graders who would like to begin serving God in this special way.

June 17 – June 21: <u>2024 VBS & Day Camp</u>

Please save these dates in your calendar!! 1st-6th grade "Day Camp" will be 9:30-2:15 each day, and Preschool/Kindergarten "VBS" will be mornings from 9-11:30. We hope that all of your children will be able to attend, and we need many adults and youth to volunteer for the week to be successful.

Sunday, June 23rd: VBS Sunday, 10 AM Combined Worship

Come to Worship on the Sunday following camp, so we can celebrate our week together, and share all the fun with our families!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Spring Acolytes Needed for March - May!

We need rising 2nd-6th graders to fulfill this special role during 11AM Worship. Sign up for as many Sundays as you wish, but be sure your family can commit to being present that day, arriving about 10 minutes early: <u>http://tinyurl.com/AcolytesSpring</u>

M&Ms Meal Prep & Desserts <u>http://tinyurl.com/SpringMeals24</u>

We need volunteers of all ages to help with dinner prep: 2 people for set-up and 2 for clean-up each week. We also need volunteers to provide desserts each week – please sign up!



VBS/Daycamp Volunteers Needed!

Registration will open in April, so *we need volunteer commitments ASAP*! My goal is always that we can welcome EVERY child who wishes to participate, and to do that, we need at least 50 volunteers! Please let me know if you're able to help at VBS from 9-11:30 at the church, or Day Camp from 9:30-2:15 at Camp Sugarbush.

Overnight "Church Camps!"

The West Ohio Conference has partnered with East Ohio to provide various overnight, summercamp opportunities for children and youth at Camp Aldersgate, Camp Asbury, and Camp Wanake. Church of the Master offers partial camp scholarships to members/children of members 18 years and younger; contact Miss Cindy for scholarship details. To see all of the camp offerings and register online go to <u>www.EOCSummerCamps.org</u>

Join "Church of the Master Children's Ministry" Facebook group!

This is a private group for parents of kids involved in our children's ministry. We can share stories and pictures, and Miss Cindy will sometimes share ideas to help your children engage with God's love outside of worship! www.facebook.com/groups/chmasterchildren/