

Southminster Presbyterian Church, Beaverton, OR.

Children & Family Ministries Mission Statement

S.P.C. is an inclusive, welcoming community of Christian faith. Our mission is to manifest Christ's love in the world.

We believe:

- God loves us unconditionally.
- Jesus' teaching is the clearest revelation of God in our experience.
- We are called to help others in need.
- The best way to transmit our faith is to live it.
- Faith grows through a lively, challenging and free exchange of ideas.
- Learning, worship, and prayer deepens our spiritual awareness.
- Celebrating creativity and honoring diversity are gifts of God.
- Children are supported through a broad mixture of education, fellowship, service and worship.
- Providing pastoral and spiritual counseling deepens personal understanding of faith.
- Promoting peace, health, and justice in our relationships, church, community and in the world provides the best means to demonstrate Christ's love to the world.

Our vision for the children of Southminster is to:

- Create awareness of God, Jesus, and the Bible;
- Facilitate caring and compassion;
- Feel safe, valued and loved; and
- Develop a sense of wonder and awe in the world around us.

Ministry components:

- Approach: We use a multisensory approach including art, music, nature, and cooking.
- Environment: We create an environment that is supportive, challenging, encourages exploration, questioning, inclusiveness, and individual growth.
- Community Connection: We strive to connect children with the congregation and community.