

SOUTHMINSTER CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2024

Dear Families,

2023 was busy, full, and altogether wonderful in our children's ministry world here at Southminster! We continue to delight in working with your amazing offspring! Thank you for this very special opportunity.

We spent most of November learning more about the Nativity of Jesus, the various other people involved in that story and preparing for our play on December 10. Our play was well attended and very well received. The congregation kept thanking us for weeks afterwards! This is due to the hard work, dedication, and wonderful talents of your children, coupled with great support from all our parents. Thank you so much!! Our special thanks to the church mission team for supplying a finger food lunch between worship and the play.

The primary class has now returned to our brief survey of the world's major religions. We've begun looking at Islam which we'll finish before moving on to Judaism and then to considering what indigenous religions are about. Both the Pre-K and Primary class curricula this year are based on the principles of Progressive Christianity. See progressivechristianity.org and the updated 8 Points for more information.

Our acolyte training for Jan. 14 was canceled due to snow. It's now rescheduled for **January 28 in room 8 from 11:10-11:30 A.M.** New and aspiring acolytes are invited to attend this training to become an acolyte.

A **Sunday School Family lunch with games for all our families** is scheduled for **February 11** after church in room 7, across from our classrooms. Please join us for family fun and a chance to connect with other parents beginning at 11:15 A.M.

Looking ahead, please put **March 24th** after church on your calendar for our second annual **Sweetie Pie-pie auction**. Can you donate a homemade pie of any kind? Please let us know. The auction is a fun and tasty way for us to raise funds for the children's equity fund, a savings account for program needs not covered by the annual budget.

Summer plans are underway everywhere. We will offer a week-long summer day camp from **June 17-21**. We'll announce themes and times by mid-February.

Our mission project for this second part of the year will be to provide needed hygiene items and food stuffs for needy mid-hi students in our area. More on that soon.

We are all delighted to welcome Audrey Morrissette to the church staff as our new Nursery and Preschool Coordinator. Audrey has worked with us in the children's ministry for several months as an assistant, so she already knows her way around. She's a blessing!

Bunny and Audrey