

First Church has a lot going on for young families and children!

Weekly Events:

Sunday School – Sundays @ 9:15-10 a.m.

Children ages 3 years - 5th grade attend the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary with their family. After the Children's Time during the service they follow teachers to their Sunday School rooms.

Kids' Korner – Sundays @ 10:30-11:30 a.m.

A time of supervised educational videos, crafts and other activities for preschool and elementary school children to engage in while their parents attend worship or one of the adult education classes held during this time.

Children's Time – Sundays @ 9 a.m.

Rev. Carly Kuntz or Rev. Tina Lang lead Children's Time each Sunday near the beginning of the 9 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. Children leave from Children's Time to attend Sunday School.

Worship Activity Bags

Worship bags contain fun, hands-on, relevant activities for children who attend part or all of a worship service. Pick one up from the stand located just outside the doors of the Sanctuary as you come to worship.

Other Regular Events:

Family Worship

Family- and kid-friendly worship services held in Fellowship Hall periodically throughout the year during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10 a.m.). Families gather around tables to worship together through stories, songs and hands-on activities. The next Family Worship date is Sunday, October 19.

Sunday Afternoon Family Fellowship

Young Families gather for bi-monthly events and fellowship. Events include picnics when the weather is nice and indoor activities during the winter.

3rd Grade Bibles and Bible Breakfast

When 3rd graders receive Bibles in the fall they are invited to a Bible-based breakfast, which includes tasting food from the Bible and participating in activities to help them learn how to use their new Bibles.

Toddler Playgroup – 2nd and 4th Fridays @ 9:30 a.m.

Children under 5 and their parents are invited to our bi-weekly playgroup, which meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Room LL12. A small snack is provided for the children. Contact Nichole Schroerlucke via the church office at info@fumc.org if you are interested.

Events Coming Soon:

Halloween "Trunk and Treat"

On (or near) October 31, car trunks will be decorated and opened in the First Church parking lot for "trunk and treating". Candy, games, books and school supplies are just some of the goodies in store!

Children's Prayer Retreat/Workshop

During late fall, children will be invited to participate in a faith-deepening Prayer Retreat. Date TBA.

"Snow White" Musical

Join Ken Lonnquist and Friends at FUMC for a production of Ken's original musical, *Snow White*. Performances will take place in Fellowship Hall:

- Friday, November 14 @ 7 p.m.
- Sunday, November 16 @ 4 p.m.
- Friday, November 21 @ 7 p.m.
- Saturday, November 22 @ 7 p.m.

Service Opportunities:

Acolyte

Lighting the worship candles and bringing the Light of Christ into the 9 a.m. worship celebrations is something children grade 2 and older enjoy.

Liturgy Reader During Worship

Children have the opportunity to read the scripture lesson and lead the congregation in worship four Sundays throughout the year.

For more information on any of these programs contact Avery Westrich at awestrich@fumc.org or 608.256.9061 ext. 33 or visit the church website at www.fumc.org.

