

Christian Education Team Report
September 2013

We continue to sort out the many tasks involved in running a successful children's education ministry as well as coordinating and encouraging the youth and adult ministries. There is a lot to be done. Our committee still strongly feels that we should hire someone to be the Sunday morning point person and Children's Church resource. If we value our children and their growth in the faith, then we should have someone on staff to represent and nurture them.

We are thankful to everyone who participated in the "We are the Church" Sunday School classes this summer. Hopefully everyone who shared their story or attended felt blessed by learning more about our Community!

Sunday School Kick-Off is September 8th. We are using a new curriculum with PreK-5th grade. The 3 year olds will be using "Spark". The Preschool through 4th graders will use "Holy Moly". 5th graders will not be using a specific curriculum but will be doing activities specifically tailored to their unique needs. We will be evaluating the curriculum in December and again in May to see what changes (if any) need to be made before the next school year. We are also working to make the 9:30-9:45 "Gathering Time" a meaningful time for our children to be together before going to their separate classrooms.

We are working on scheduling and forming a "Community Angels" program that will meet a couple of times during the school year. It will be a joint Sunday School class for all ages.

Christian Education is vitally important to so many of the adults in our congregation. Adult classes are times for fellowship and feeding of our souls. However, our congregation's passion for education cannot stop with the adults. Please prayerfully consider how you can donate your time, energy, or other resources to our children's education. The children of this church would love to get to know you! We are always welcoming new Sunday School and Children's Church teachers.

Submitted,
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