

Nurseries

Early Childcare Ministries provide opportunities for children to be loved and nurtured by trained childcare givers and volunteers. We offer a warm and safe atmosphere in our nursery for children to learn, live and grow in our Christian faith from the moment of birth. Parents may watch their child's interaction through a one-way window in the hall outside room 131.

Infant Nursery – Room 131 – for babies up to 24 months. Open 8:30 a.m. – noon.

Toddler Nursery – Room 144
For children ages two and three available during the 8:30a.m. and 11:00a.m. Worship services. Both are served by professional staff, but adult members are encouraged to volunteer especially on high attendance Sundays.

W.O.W. Wonders of Worship room- 145

This is an age appropriate, interactive opportunity for children ages 4-2nd grade to learn about and experience worship. Following the *Word for Children* volunteers welcome and lead the children in a 20 minute WOW. Godly play is what Jerome Berryman calls his interpretation of Montessori religious education. It is an imaginative approach for working with children, an approach that supports, challenges, nourishes, and guides their spiritual quest. It is more akin to spiritual guidance than to what we generally think of as religious education.

Godly play assumes that children have some experience of the mystery of the presence of God in their lives but that they lack the language, permission, and understanding to express and enjoy that in our culture. In Godly Play, we enter into Parables, Silence, Sacred Stories, and Liturgical Action in order to discover the depths of God, ourselves, one another and the world around us.

“Children need a deeply respectful experience with Scripture if they are to fully enter into its power.”

Children rejoin their parents during the hymn after the sermon to experience the rest of the service with their families. Worship clipboards w/educational puzzles, coloring pages, activities available in narthex.

Library – Room 210

Books & DVDs for all ages– open before and after services and during the week.

Youth Ministries

Youth ministry is offered to young people currently enrolled in grades 6 - 12. Middle school youth meet 5:00- 6:30 – and senior highs 6:30 -8:00 most Sundays. Our program provides opportunities for spiritual growth, service, study, fun, and Christian fellowship. Youth venture out into the community for activities, mission trips, and retreats. For more information visit our website or contact Lyndsey at 428-6332 x239; or e-mail at lyndsey@firstpresvb.org.

Coffee & Cold Beverages

This is a weekly fellowship time held in the atrium/fellowship hall each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Exploring Our Faith

Christian Education Programs

First Presbyterian Church

January – May 2020

The purpose of the Christian Education Committee is to build foundations of faith through current, visionary programs within a safe and nurturing environment. They hope the opportunities offered will bring people closer to God and one another and equip them to be active disciples in our local and global community. If you have suggestions, comments, or wish to get involved, please call 428-6332.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL

Sundays 9:45 a.m. -10:45a.m.

Children's Classes

Age two: Room 144

Teachers introduce children to biblical stories using music, simple crafts and play using *Deep Blue* curriculum. (see details below)

Ages three and four: Room 145

Deep Blue curriculum blends Bible stories, activities, crafts & games into a full faith experience for preschool children. Our caring team of teachers will prepare stories about heroes from the book of Acts.

Grades Kindergarten –3rd : Rooms 219 & 228, 4th/ 5th grade: Room 213.

These classes are currently studying "Loving God, Loving Neighbor" unit of *Deep Blue Curriculum*. A variety of activities are offered to meet the variety of children's learning styles. We incorporate food, Legos, crafts, art, science experiments, drama, storytelling, music, mission projects, videos, games and discussion to enrich the Bible story lessons each week. Follow up activities sheets and on-line options as well as direct email S.S. recaps from teachers to parents help busy families stay current with the weekly Bible lessons and encourages them to explore them together at home. *Jesus leads the Community (N.T.) and Leaders of the Community (O.T.)* are the current units of study.

Youth Classes

Middle School Youth 6th – 8th grades - youth center. *Re:form Ancestors* is a youth Bible study that helps students get to know personalities from the Bible. Focus is on how unlikely people have been called by God to do amazing things and to examine the similarities between themselves and their faith ancestors.

Senior High Youth 9th – 12th grades - youth center *The Bible Project* will focus on theological words and themes of the Bible in order to expand our understanding of what we believe.

Senior High Bible Study Bi-Weekly Wed. Night study in 303 Youth Center 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. with Rev. Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam. Includes dinner.

College Ministry students meet last Sundays of the month for dutch brunch and conversation. Contact is Rev. Lyndsey McCall

Adult Classes **9:45 a.m.– 10:45 a.m.**

Journeys Class - Parlor Discussion based class for adults of all ages and stages of life. Participants study & discuss the book, *Paul: Man of Grace and Grit* by Charles Swindoll. Contact Ellen Nesbit ehnesbit@yahoo.com with your questions.

Paul Walters Class – Room 214

An in-depth discussion group led in turn by class members with weekly readings in advance of *The Heart of Christianity* by

Marcus Borg. Contact John Ellis for more information.

Faith Forum – Room 212

Various class members facilitate in depth, challenging class discussions within an accepting, open minded group dynamic. They will study, *Holy Envy: Finding God in the face of others*, a book that gives new insights into the Christian Faith. Contact: Gael Daugherty

Finding friends in faith –Room 211

Discussion oriented class facilitated by members of the class. They will discuss Gary Thomas' book, *Authentic Faith*, an eye-opening look at faith that will help you rise above shallow attachments and bolster your faith. Contact: Dawn Finguerra 428-6332.

Weekday Opportunities

Thursday Bible Study – Stanton Hall

Study of *Acts for Everyone* by N.T. Wright. 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. This in-depth study about the Book of *Acts of the Apostles* involves reading the Bible, the study book, responding to questions in the participant's guide and discussion and prayer during our meeting time.

Tuesday Men's Breakfast and Bible Study - 7:30 a.m. Stanton Hall

Kirk Nights **Wednesdays** **October & November Guest** **Speakers Series**