

About Our Children's Ministry Programs

- **Sunday School.** Sunday School is open to all children from three years old up to 6th grade from 11:00am-12:00 noon on Sunday mornings. There is also child care for infants and toddlers all morning, and youth church school at 9:30am.

Our Sunday School curriculum is Bible Quest. Each week, the children will study a Bible story, do a craft or activity and in many classes share a snack. Church School is not only a time of learning cooperatively, but also a wonderful time of fellowship.

It has become our tradition to gather all of the children together periodically throughout the year for church school chapel services. Becky D'Angelo-Veitch and Chris Lenti work together to choose a theme, and then each class prepares one aspect of worship. We are always in awe of the wonderful music, drama, prayers and liturgy that the church school students share. Parents are always welcome at church school chapel services, which are held in the chapel during the usual Sunday School timeframe. This year, they will be held on November 21, March 13, and June 12 (Worship in the sanctuary led by the children).

Last year, we invited children in Kindergarten and older to join us in the sanctuary for the sacrament of communion on certain communion Sundays. We will continue this practice this year, with one change: we heard from our teachers that it was difficult to have such a short time as a class on these days, so the children will now report directly to their church school classes on communion Sundays, rather than leaving worship during the first hymn as they did this year. In order to prepare to partake in this sacrament, we will be holding a family communion workshop on Saturday, October 2 from 9:30-11:00am.

Holiday weekends are a time when we know many of our families and teachers are traveling. On these Sundays, older children have the opportunity to sit in worship with their families. Children in first grade and younger are invited to a large group Sunday School class led by a parent or Children's Ministry Committee member.

- **Child Education Plus.** This new program runs concurrent with Adult Education from 9:30-10:30am on Sundays. Children who are school age and older are invited to the children's library for themed activities. In addition to those activities, children will have a chance each week to utilize the resources of the library—our books and computers.
- **Qabats.** Qabats is our mid-week program held on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30pm from October to April. It is open to children in 1st through 6th grades. Qabats integrates Bible themed activities, music, and fellowship. Adult volunteers are an integral part of this program, and through all the activities, particularly the shared dinner time, children and adults build relationships. Ask anyone—Qabats is a load of fun!

This fall, we will continue with the Workshop Rotation Model (WoRM) for Qabats. We will focus on five themes this year, running four workshops for each theme. There will be one center for each week of the theme with groups rotating through them so that at the end of each theme, all students will have done each center. This will be done for grades 1 & 2 and grades 3-6. 6th graders will also have some time throughout the year for special activities.