

Calendar of Special Events

- ❖ September 11 Sunday Sundaes
Registration and Classes
Ice Cream Sundaes After Church

- ❖ November 20 Thanksgiving Pumpkin
Bread Baking Day

- ❖ December 18 Children's Christmas Pageant

- ❖ April 9 Palm Sunday -
Children's Processional

- ❖ June 4 Confirmation

- ❖ June 11 Children's Sunday- Picnic

- ❖ TBA Vacation Bible School

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The Congregational Church
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Sunday School Parent Handbook



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Welcome to the Sunday School Ministry of the Congregational Church in Killingworth, United Church of Christ!

We hope this booklet gives you an overview of what you and your child can expect. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Christian Education Committee, listed on the back cover. We welcome and encourage you to visit your child's classroom any time.

Sunday School classes for Pre-K students through Grade 8 are held downstairs in the Parish Hall. All grades will occasionally hold sessions in the kitchen, outdoors, and in the Parish Hall.



Safe Church Policy

To ensure the safety of all the children in our charge, we diligently follow Safe Church Procedures here at the Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC. A written copy of this policy can be found in the church office; or contact a member of the Christian Education Committee or the Pastor for more information.

Infant and Toddler Room



Our Infant and Toddler Room is located on the lower level of the Parish Hall. A sound system broadcasts the worship service to the room. The room is usually staffed from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. Parents may come and go from the worship service with your young children at any point.

Sunday School Offering & Missions Programs

Each Sunday, an offering basket is passed in every classroom. This offering money is a separate fund that supports Sunday School Missions programs. It is not added to the offering taken during church services.



Our Sunday School is supporting a Hope Child through *World Vision*. A Hope Child's life is severely affected by HIV/AIDS. This boy's name is Albusson and he is from Rwanda. We receive periodic updates as to his health, report cards from school, and pictures of him. Our Sunday School children will make a difference through World Vision's child sponsorship program which creates real, lasting change for children and their communities.

We also support *Heifer Project International*. This program helps families from around the world become more self-reliant through the gift of animals, and by providing training in caring for the animals.

We are currently working on a long-term project to buy a whole ark full of animals for the Heifer Project.



Our offering collection helps to teach the joy of giving and gives the child a concrete way to help all of God's people. Each child will receive a box of envelopes. Please DO NOT fill in the name and amount spaces, as what your family wishes to contribute is confidential.



Attendance Policy

Now is a good time to think about Sunday School and what importance it holds in your family's life. We have a wonderful opportunity at our church, through our Sunday School classes and children's ministry, to bring the most important lessons you can teach your children - those of faith and God - into their lives. How you prioritize your schedule tells your children what you think of the importance of Sunday School and their faith education. Each week, our teachers take attendance. Just like school during the week, your child's presence is important.

If your child or someone in your family has an extended illness or other problems, please let the Pastor know. We, as a church family, are here to support you. Sometimes a child will mention something that is troubling him or her, or act differently in class. We can best help them and support you if we are made aware of a concern. Please feel free to talk to a Christian Education Committee member at any time.

Sunday School classes dismiss at 11:15 AM. Please wait at the top of the stairs for doors to open; when children see their parents outside the door, class is interrupted. While you wait, please join us in the Parish Hall for coffee and fellowship.

Our Curriculum

Seasons of the Spirit is an online resource created by and for local congregations to help us practice and discuss our faith in daily life. *Seasons of the Spirit* is based on the same Bible verses that we hear in church each Sunday.

On any Sunday morning you may find your child learning a biblical story and doing an activity which reinforces that story. You may find them making Good Samaritan soup mix or possibly painting a rainbow picture frame while relating to the story of Noah's Ark. There will be many opportunities for you to be involved; by sharing ideas, painting murals, helping with Mission projects.....The possibilities are endless.



Our Classrooms

Infant & Toddler Room is located on the lower level of the Parish Hall, the first room on the right. This room is staffed by our nursery caregiver from 9:30 am - 11:30 am.

PreK (age 3) - Grade 1 will meet with a team of devoted teachers experienced in working with young children in the nursery school classroom, on the lower level of the Parish Hall.

Grades 2 through 8 will divide into groups for their classes. We are blessed with having two brightly colored and inviting classrooms on the bottom floor of our church building. The classrooms were designed to stimulate your children's senses as they learn Bible stories and lessons of God's love. Please feel free to check these classrooms out. On any given Sunday we may also be using the kitchen or be outside.



Communion

On the first Sunday of each month, Communion is offered in the worship service. Our church encourages children of all ages to receive communion which consists of bread and grape juice.