

Our children will be using "Whirl" an online lectionary Sunday School curriculum that connects worship and Sunday School. Each classroom lesson follows a four-part sequence: Welcome, Hear, Respond & Launch.

"Whirl" has scripture-based lessons that connect kids with church life. The children will watch a video each Sunday that feature animated characters – the "Whirl" kids - who model what it's like to live out their faith.

Preschool & Kindergarten Class

- 1st Preschool Room

Teachers: Alison Creswick, Jan Garrett & Anne Sherwood

st – 6th grade classes – Multipurpose rooms East & West Teachers: Jennifer Anderson, Misa Chin, Jeff Copp, Linda Ellis, Kari Mock, Greg Pisocky, Michelle Welck & Sherry Witt

# Nursery

The goal of our nursery is to provide a safe and engaging place for your child to enjoy while you participate in our church community. We are open during weekly services, Sunday School, ESL and seasonal church-related activities.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING This quarter our offering will support

## Helping Children Worldwide

Our first quarter offering will support the "Helping Children Worldwide Sierra Leone Sponsor A Child Program".

Our annual fall commitment provides children with a safe place to live and a nurturing staff to care for them. At the Child Rescue Centre (CRC), the children receive loving guidance, religious instruction and participate in community responsibilities. Our gift also provides each child with tuition, uniforms, clothing, balanced meals and medical care.



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# Growing Disciples

"The authority of Scripture...lies in its ability to cause encounter." (Bishop Richard B. Wilke and Julia K. Wilke, *Disciple*)

The Growing Disciples class meets in Room 12 and uses a systematic Bible study outline to help us grow deeper in faith through study, prayer, discussion and action. For the 2018 – 2019 year, we will use the outline provided by "Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life." This study covers the Old Testament Writings (Ruth, 1st & 2nd Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Songs, and Lamentations) and the New Testament Gospel according to John, the three letters of John, and the Revelation.

With this curriculum as the outline, we will spend three weeks on each chapter of the study guide: reading the Bible during the week, praying on a passage the first Sunday using the lectio divina format; and discussing the reading on the second and third Sundays. A fourth Sunday in each cycle will be spent in a deeper "touch-in" when members share life issues to support one another in our faith journeys.

Grounding ourselves in Bible study and working with the topics brought up by the text will challenge us, feed our souls, spur us to action and build community. We will share leadership among all the class members. New members and visitors are welcome at any time.

Coordinators: Walter Hylton & Susan Riggs - Room 12

#### That the World May Know

We are currently studying a six session in-depth study of **The Parables of Jesus**, by Matt Williams. This new study is giving us new insights into Jesus' parables and their meanings that are helping us to appreciate more fully their relevance for our own lives. We are using an excellent and relevant DVD presentation for each session.

Following our study of the parables of Jesus, we will begin a very important study titled, Which Way, Lord? Exploring Your Life's Purpose in the Journeys of Paul by Rob Fuquay, senior pastor of St. Luke's UMC, Indianapolis, Indiana. As a pastor, Rob says 'as he studies Jesus, he sees someone who shows grace to all people, and he wants to be a part of a church that models that understanding.' As Christians we hunger to know and live out God's purpose for our lives. But how do you know for certain which way to go? Which Way, Lord? aims to help you understand God's direction for your life. Your guide for this journey is Paul, the globetrotting hero of early church history. There will be a DVD presentation with each session.

For future discussion and learning experiences, we will consider other studies prepared by Rev. Rob Fuquay including The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I Am" Sayings Jesus, Take the Flag: Following God's Signals in the Race of Your Life, and his latest study, A New Reformation: From Luther's World to Ours. Each of the studies includes a video presentation for each chapter.

Our Bible study is accessible for adults with little prior Bible experience. Each of the chapters of the studies are independent of each other making it possible for you to join us on any given Sunday. We would love to have you join us and share your input.

Leader: Rev. Dave Lough, Room 11

#### FAITH CAFÉ

Join us in the Faith Café each Sunday morning in the Wesley Room, adjacent to the sanctuary 10:00-10:35am. This is a drop-in class for all adults.

For the Advent Season, we will be studying the faithfulness of Joseph

Leader: Pastor Dave Kirkland - Wesley Room



# YOUTH (GRADES 7-12)

Each youth class will meet separately from 9:45 – 10:30. At 10:30 the classes will combine in the youth game room for open conversation, games and fellowship.

## Seekers (7th & 8th)

This class will discuss and explore topics that help the youth understand what it means to be a Christian today. We use Pastor Dave's weekly emails and the lectionary as the starting point. The class focus is helping them live lives in the real world that reflect their love for God, other people and themselves.

Facilitators: Allen Chin, Steve Gordon & Chris Joseph -Room 28

## Close Ties (9th - 12th)

Our class focus is on building our Christian faith together. This quarter we'll continue building compassion and understanding for people of other religious faith traditions. All views and perspectives are welcome.

Facilitators: Brian Cobb, Beth McMartin & Nancy Reuscher - Youth Game Room