



Children and Youth Ministries

St. John's Presbyterian
Church
Handbook for Parents
2009-2010

Welcome!

Children are an essential part of the ministry of St. John's Presbyterian Church. We know that primary to a child's spiritual development is the experience of being part of a warm and caring faith community.

Here at this church, the community is made up of people just like you. Countless volunteers from all walks of life share their gifts with children by teaching Sunday School, coordinating special activities (i.e. Christmas pageant, Easter egg hunt), and supporting the Children's ministry by serving on Teams. This is an exciting ministry!

This handbook is designed to give you a brief overview of the programs offered by the children ministries of this church. Take some time to read through the booklet and keep it for reference. The information contained within is to remind you of the many ways you and your children are invited and encouraged to participate in the ministry areas of this church.

Welcome to the St. John's family, a wonderful community of faith!

Blessings,
Pastor Theresa



Sunday schedule 10 am Service

St. John's believes that children in worship are important to their spiritual formation. Participating with adults in worship helps children develop a sense of belonging to a community and helps them develop their identity with the people of God and as a person of God. Our Sunday School program is designed to accommodate this.

We want our children to feel included in worship. We even have places especially for children in our worship space. Any time during worship, the children are invited to sit up front. There are pillows and a small table with crayons and coloring/activity pages. There are also books and stuffed animals in the back. Children are not required to sit there. Rather, we want to create a space where children feel comfortable in worship.

Also on Interactive Worship Sundays, there are no Sunday School programs. On these Sundays, there are prayer stations where participants have the opportunity to concretely apply their faith through tactile activities. We encourage our children to participate with their family in these stations. There is also an age-appropriate, tactile interactive station for children 0-4 years old as well.



The Lighthouse (Nursery)

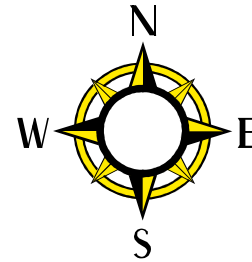
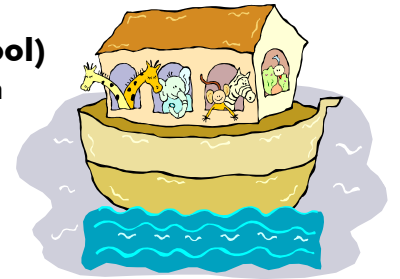
Our children, 0-4 years old, are invited to the Lighthouse, staffed by our professional childcare providers. The Lighthouse is located in the chapel next to the sanctuary.



Little Mariners (Pre-school Program)
Children ages 2-4 years old are invited to our Little Mariners Corner where they can learn Bible stories through age-appropriate and hands-on crafts. The Corner is located in the back of the sanctuary.

A.R.K. Program (Sunday School)

Children, grades K-5, participate in our A.R.K. (All Remarkable Kids) Program. A.R.K. begins at 10am. For more information, go to pg. 6 and 7.



Faith Navigators (Jr. High)

Jr. Highers, 6th-8th grade, are welcome to participate in a three-year Bible study program that is designed for them — delving deeper into faith and spiritual issues. For more information, go to page 6 and 10.

Once a quarter, there are planned outings, such as bowling, swimming, mini-golf, etc.

Youth (High School)







6th-12th grade volunteer for Harvest first Saturday of the month. Contact a youth leader (on pg. 9) for more information.

Curriculum

Grades K-5 — A.R.K. (All Remarkable Kids)

These grades will be part of our exciting A.R.K. program. A.R.K. uses a six-year curriculum. Each story in the curriculum is studied for four weeks. Each week the children study the story in a different workshop using a different teaching medium. We believe this variety and repetition will enhance teaching our children the important stories of faith.


Workshops vary according to the story series. The workshops are:

	Noah's Art (art and crafts)		PIER 25 (music)
	God's Galley (cooking)		LifeSaver (mission)
	Bayside Cinema (video)		Whales Tales (drama, storytelling, and games)

Grades 6-8 — Faith Navigators

This three-year curriculum allows the kids to dive deeper into the Bible stories and discuss how these stories apply to their lives. Through a variety of activities, the kids will discuss different faith and spiritual topics and issues.

If you have any questions regarding the A.R.K. or Faith Navigators program, please contact pastor Theresa.

ARK		S.S. Adventure (Sunday School Adventure) 2009-2010 (Year 5)			
				<u>Date</u>	<u>Story</u>
09.06.09	Samuel & Hannah		Bayside Cinema (video)		
09.13.09	Samuel & Hannah		God's Galley (cooking)		
09.20.09	Samuel & Hannah		Noah's Art (art)		
09.27.09	Samuel & Hannah		LifeSavers (mission)		
10.04.09	Jonah and the Big Fish		Bayside Cinema (video)		
10.11.09		INTERACTIVE WORSHIP			
10.18.09	Jonah and the Big Fish		God's Galley (cooking)		
10.25.09	Jonah and the Big Fish		Whales Tales (drama)		
11.01.09	Jeremiah		Noah's Art (art)		
11.08.09	Jeremiah		God's Galley (cooking)		
11.15.09	Jeremiah		Whales Tales (drama)		
11.22.09	Jeremiah		PIER 25 (music)		
11.29.09		INTERACTIVE WORSHIP			
12.06.09	ADVENT — The Wise People		God's Galley (cooking)		

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12.20.09	NO A.R.K. — FAMILY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT	
12.27.09	NO A.R.K. — ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORSHIP	
01.03.10	NO A.R.K. — ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORSHIP	
01.10.10	Jesus Heals	Bayside Cinema (video)
01.17.10	Jesus Heals	God's Galley (cooking)
01.24.10	INTERACTIVE WORSHIP	
01.31.10	Jesus Heals	Noah's Art (art)
02.07.10	Jesus Heals	Whales Tales (drama)
02.14.10	Mary & Martha	Bayside Cinema (video)
02..21.10	Mary & Martha	LifeSavers (mission)
02..28.10	Mary & Martha	Noah's Art (art)
03.07.10	LENT — The Cross	Bayside Cinema (video)
03.14.10	LENT — The Cross	Whales Tales (drama)
03.21.10	LENT — The Cross	God's Galley (cooking)
03.28.10	NO A.R.K. — FAMILY HOLY WEEK PAGEANT	
04.04.10	NO A.R.K. — EASTER	

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04.11.10	NO A.R.K. — INTERACTIVE WORSHIP	
04.18.10	LENT — The Cross	Noah's Art (art)
04.25.10	Nicodemus	Whales Tales (drama)
05.02.10	Nicodemus	PIER 25 (music)
05.09.10	Nicodemus	God's Galley (cooking)
05.16.10	Nicodemus	Noah's Art (art)
05.23.10	INTERACTIVE WORSHIP	
05.30.10	Love Is . . .	Whales Tales (drama)
06.06.10	Love Is . . .	God's Galley (cooking)
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04.11.10	NO FAITH NAVIGATORS — INTERACTIVE WORSHIP	
04.18.10	Paul's Letters	Romans 8.31-39: Letters, Lent, & Prayers
04.25.10	Paul's Letters	2 Corinthians 5. 17-21: New Creation
05.02.10	Paul's Letters	2 Corinthians 5. 17-21: Reconciliation
05.09.10	Deuteronomy	Deuteronomy 6.4-9: Listen, Israel!
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05.23.10	INTERACTIVE WORSHIP	
05.30.10	Deuteronomy	Deuteronomy 30.11-20: Listen, Israel!
06.06.10	Zaccheus	Luke 19.1-10
06.13.10	Zaccheus	Luke 19.1-10

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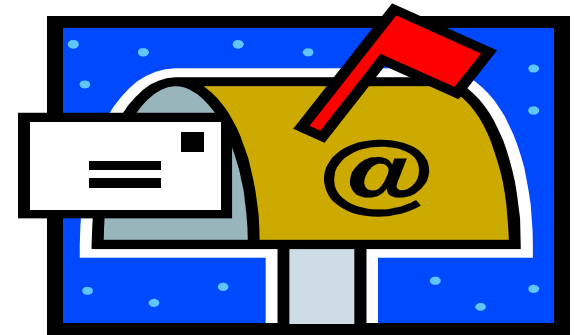
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Church School Calendar 2009-2010

September	6	Sunday School begins 18-20 Camping
October	4	World Communion Sunday Harvest Celebration
	18	All-Church Picnic
November	1	Daylight Savings Ends
	28	Greening of the Church
December	13	Choir Concert
	20	Family Christmas Pageant Tenderloin Caroling
	24	Christmas Eve Service 4.30 pm <i>Family Style</i> 7.00 pm <i>Traditional</i>
February	12-14	Snow Trip
	17	Ash Wednesday
March	7	St. John's 140th Anniversary
	14	Daylight Savings Begins
	28	Family Holy Week Pageant
April	2	Good Friday Worship
	4	Easter 7am <i>Crissy Field</i> 10am <i>Trumpets & Easter Egg Hunt</i>
May	9	Mother's Day

	23	Pentecost
June	13	Sunday School Ends
	20	Father's Day
July	18	AIDS Walk

