

Children's Ministry News

Reminders

- Sunday School pick up time is at 10:15am in the Community Room. Stop by and see what your child has learned and get to know the other children and parents.
- Snack Drive: donations are being requested for Community Room time & Children's Church; please bring non-perishable snack items Sunday, January 29th.
- The nursery is changing. Our building and grounds committee has provided us with a half door to make drop-off and pick up easier and more secure. Please remember to sign your child in.
- Children's Ministry is here for you and we want to continually improve our programs and communication. Let us know what we are doing well or what we can get better at!!

*For questions or feedback, please contact
Mary Koon*



Why Children's Church?

On February 5th, Children's Ministry will begin Children's Church for children aged 3 years to 1st grade during the 10:45 am worship service. Children will be asked to attend the first part of worship with their families and will be dismissed after the Word to the Wise. The Children will be escorted by adults to the Children's library in the lower level for an age appropriate worship experience. Parents are asked to pick up their child immediately following the close of worship.

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church celebrates the presence of children in all worship services. The idea for Children's Church grew out of the (wonderful!) challenge of an often over-crowded nursery. Instead of offering a second nursery, it seemed most helpful to offer an enrichment experience for children who have outgrown the nursery setting, but are not quite ready to sit in worship.

Children's Church will use curriculum designed by Sonja Stewart and Jerome Berryman in the book, *Young Children and Worship*. Through ritual, prayer, song, story and snack, we will lead the children through the essential elements of worship: preparing to come into the presence of God, proclaiming God's Word, giving thanks and going in God's name to be God's people in the world. The goal is to create an environment that enables the children to encounter and worship God.

We are gathering a team of committed parents and volunteers to help with Children's Church. Mary Koon will be the principle teacher, with help from Paul Uvodich, Heidi Schuchman, Shar Glausser and Lisa Sheff. If you have a heart for children, are interested in this exciting ministry and would be willing to be with us one Sunday a month, please let Mary know.



Oak Grove Family Fun Night

Join us Friday, February 10th from 6 – 9pm for pizza, Professor Piano, games and more!



Intergenerational Sunday

Join us on Sunday, February 19th 9:15am during Education Hour for activities that relate to being good stewards of the earth. This is a great opportunity for our children to connect with other members of our congregation...You!!