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**PCPC Kids
Faith Formation 2017-2018**

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Become disciples in God's love

PCPC Kids Faith Formation

Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church's ministry for and with children and their families is an essential element of PCPC's Faith Formation Ministry where we are learning and growing together in Christ. The opportunities and programs offered throughout the year have been intentionally designed to assist the congregation in living out PCPC's Faith Formation mission, vision, and values.

Our Mission

We provide opportunities for every stage of life to grow in faith. In community, we develop as disciples of Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit through education, worship, mission, and service.

Our Vision

Become disciples in God's love.

Our Values

Shared Life Experiences Across Generations
Connected to God and One Another
Biblically Grounded
Rooted in Reformed Theology
Welcoming of Diversity

Calendar at a Glance

September 6 – Children's Choirs Begin

September 10 – Sunday School Begins

September 10, 17, & 24 – Welcome to Worship

October 6-8 – PCPC Retreat at Cedarkirk

October 27-28 – 3rd Grade Bible Lock-In

December 3 – Stone Soup and Living Nativity

December 10 – Project Christmas

December 13 – Jolly Trolley

February 11 – Lenten Fair and Pancake Breakfast

February 24 – God’s Gift of Human Sexuality

March 18 – Word, Ritual & Symbol: A Holy Week Experience

June 4-8 – Vacation Bible School and Music Camp

July 30-August 3 – Art and Adventure Camp with Cedarkirk



PCPC Kids & Sunday Mornings

Nursery care is provided on the first floor of Eastminster throughout Sunday morning for children birth to three years old. All nursery staff and workers are current in First Aid and infant, child, and adult CPR certifications. Throughout the morning children are cared for with love and during the Faith & Fellowship Hour they hear a bible story and music which shares God’s love with them. Contact Jeanne Rowe, Childcare Coordinator with questions.

Godly Play is a continuation of worship designed from a Montessori-based storytelling system for children age three through first grade. All children begin worship with their families in the primary worship space and are welcome to remain throughout the service. Following the children’s message in each service children three through first grade have the option of continuing worship with their peer group at Godly Play, located in Covenant Hall Room 101. Parent/Guardians are asked to escort their children to the Godly Play room where they will be welcomed by trained staff, at which time parents/guardians may return to worship. Contact Nancy Creedon, Children’s Ministry Coordinator with questions.

Worship Bags and Bulletins can be found at the entrance to each worship space. These are designed to engage children in the worship service and to aid adults worshipping with children in teaching them how to worship.

Faith & Fellowship Hour provides the opportunity for people of every age to learn and grow together in Christ. During this time (10:05-10:50 a.m.) children will be led in a “Deep Blue Adventure” by a team of caring and faithful adults. Each week will

be a new adventure exploring Bible stories through science experiments, arts and crafts, animated video storytelling, and active games designed to help children learn and grow together in Christ. Contact Nancy Creedon, Children's Ministry Coordinator with questions.

A Deep Blue Adventure can be found in:
Covenant Hall 102 for Pre-K 3 and 4
Westminster 207 for Kindergarten and First Grade
Westminster 210 for Second and Third Grade
Westminster 206 for Fourth and Fifth Grade

ADDITIONAL LEARNING AND GROWING OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome to Worship is designed to welcome and assist *second graders* into full worship participation with the community of believers. Second graders and a parent/guardian are invited to this special opportunity on September 10th, 17th, and 24th from 12:00-1:30p.m. to investigate and explore the who, where, and why's of Worship within the Presbyterian tradition.

Justice Seekers is a bible study club for Fourth and Fifth graders to deepen their faith by exploring topics from Fellowship, Christian Living, Bible, and Mission & Service. Led by Kelly McCord, Children's Ministry Intern, and friends on Sunday afternoons beginning September 10th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in Westminster Room 212.

PCPC Retreat at Cedarkirk, October 6th – 8th, is an opportunity to enjoy God's gift of creation through playing games, building relationships, and worshipping together along the Alafia River. The weekend will also provide the opportunity to canoe, zip-line, swim, hunt for sharks teeth, go for walks, or just sit in a rocking chair. Register online at www.palmaceia.org.

Third Grade Bible Lock-In teaches third graders and their parent/guardian the foundational tools for exploring the bible for a life long journey of reading and study. The lock-in begins October 27th with a child/parent session at 6:00p.m. Third graders are invited to spend the night at the church for additional learning and games Friday evening and Saturday morning. The lock-in concludes with a final child/parent session 10:30 a.m. to Noon on October 28th. Bibles will be distributed to all third graders in our worship services on Sunday, October 29th. Contact Kelly McCord with questions.

Stone Soup and the Living Nativity helps children and families prepare for the Christmas season in a meaningful way. December 3rd beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Gym stations will be set up for families to make Advent Wreaths, gingerbread nativities, ornaments, and much more! A simple supper is served in Fellowship Hall 5:00-6:00 p.m. Children wishing to participate in the Living Nativity are invited to

the game room for costuming at 5:30 p.m. The Living Nativity begins on the lawn outside of the sanctuary at 6:15 p.m.

Project Christmas is an inter-generational service opportunity on Sunday, December 10th. We begin with a light lunch at 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and then together we package 10,000 meals to be shipped around the world as a part of the mission Stop Hunger Now.

Intergenerational Lenten Fair And Pancake Breakfast – Come to Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 11th anytime between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. to enjoy delicious pancakes and explore spiritual practices that help disciples of every age explore and find meaning in Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season.

God's Gift of Human Sexuality is a workshop for 4th/5th grade girls and 5th grade boys along with their parents designed to address puberty and vocabulary for conversations around sexuality as a gift from God. The workshop is schedule for Saturday, February 24th. A pre-meeting for parents will take place prior to the 24th.

Word, Ritual, & Symbol: A Holy Week Experience -- Children and families will prepare together for a meaningful participation in Holy Week and Easter services by coming together on Sunday, March 18th 4:30-6:00 p.m. to explore the stories of Holy Week in interactive and age-appropriate ways. A shared meal at 6:00 will conclude the experience.

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MUSIC

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"

The music program of PCPC is an integral part of our worship. Those in choirs have the opportunity to lead the congregation in hymns and to present inspiring music.

The Joyful Noise Choir is for Pre-K 4 through 1st graders and begins on Wednesday, September 6th in Westminster Room 210. The choir is led by Catherine Pereira, Kelly Knecht Slovinac, and Pat Handly and it meets from 5:00-5:45p.m. The children will learn to sing songs of worship and will also engage in the wonderful choruses of faith that have nurtured generations.

The Junior Choir, led by Nancy Callahan and Ashley Greenfield, is open for children grades 2-5. This choir engages in learning rhythm, singing in parts, playing obstinate instruments, and sight singing. Junior Choir rehearses in the Chancel Choir room (across from the gym) from 5:00-5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning September 6th.

Music and Movement is a new music class offered for children birth though 3 years old and their parent/guardian on Wednesdays 5:00-5:45 p.m. in Westminster

202/204 beginning September 6th. Ms. Laurel and Ms. Kelly will be leading this time of dance and song.

Junior Bell Choir is for children 9-11 years old to learn basic music reading skills and make music together. Bonnie Givens (bgivens50@hotmail.com) leads this bell choir on Wednesdays 4:00-5:00p.m.

RECREATION

Girls' Volleyball is led by John McClung for 3rd-8th graders in the gym. This is a skills based program that has a Fall and Spring season in addition to seasonal camps and clinics. Go to www.palmaceia.org/volleyball for current season information and to register.

SUMMER CAMPS 2018

Vacation Bible School and Musicamp are beloved by children and adults alike! Mark your calendars for June 4-8 now for these camps, and stay tuned for more information in January.

Art and Adventure Camp will be July 30-August 3 and promises to bring another week of exploring God's love and Word through art, games, and bible study.