

# Frequently Asked Questions

## about Religious Education for Children and Youth

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### **What time should we arrive?**

Our children in preschool and elementary school have church school during first (9:30 AM) and second services (11:15 AM). Our youth in middle school and high school have church school during second service. The weekly schedule is posted in the newsletter, the order of service and on the Religious Education bulletin board in the Foyer.

### **What about visitors?**

Visitors are always welcome. Visiting families should pick up Visitor Packet from the Greeter in the foyer. If you have visited the classroom more than two times we do require a registration form to be completed by a parent or guardian. Forms are available in the Religious Education office.

### **How should the children dress?**

Children should come dressed for active learning and hands-on arts experiences. Children may go outside for class or for recess. Appropriate, labeled outwear is needed. (Adults dress according to what they'll be doing that morning – from jeans to business attire).

### **What about Sunday morning childcare?**

The nursery is open at 9:20 until 10:30 and 11:05 until 12:30. Our Nursery Director, Kim Campbell-Fox, staffs the nursery along with at least one other volunteer for each service. Please contact Kim in the nursery on Sundays to volunteer.

### **What happens when we first arrive on Sunday morning?**

Nursery and Preschool children go directly to class when they first arrive on a Sunday morning. Notably, the Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade youngsters begin most Sundays in the Sanctuary. During this time the children participate in the chalice lighting, a children's story, and a musical selection. Then the K-5<sup>th</sup> children are guided out of the Sanctuary to attend their classes. The 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth go directly to their classrooms unless they are participating in or attending the service in the Sanctuary

### **When should we register?**

Every family should register each year by completing or updating their family information sheet. New families should register if they have attended two classes and plan to attend regularly. Registration materials are available in the Religious Education office.

### **Is there a charge for the program?**

The religious education program is entirely funded from the church-operating budget. All families are asked to pledge as generously as their finances allow.

**What if my child has a serious allergy or special needs?**

Parents are responsible for noting any allergies, food restrictions or special needs on the registration form, as well as alerting the teachers or caregivers. Allergies and special needs will be posted in the classroom as we become aware of them.

**What kind of parent involvement is expected?**

All parents are expected to help out in some way, whether as a classroom teacher or guide, as chaperones for field trips or special events, or by sharing an interest or talent with the classes. A variety of opportunities are available, with varying time and commitment levels. Generally, parents need to be prepared to help out in a class for a portion of the school year.

**Where can I get more information?**

On Sunday mornings, Laura Ross, the Director of Religious Education for Youth and Eleanor McGuire, the Director of Religious Education for Children are available to answer questions. You can visit the Religious Education bulletin board in the foyer each Sunday for information about where the children should be that morning. The Religious Education information center on the wall outside the Religious Education Office has current class calendars, fliers, permission slips and other valuable information.

Parents are welcome to call the Religious Education Office (248-647-2380) during the week to schedule a conference or a tour of the building.