

## **Notes from Education and Nurture Meeting August 8, 2017**

Opened with prayer and devotion with Andrew Harper, Megan Fahy, Beth Lenthall, Betty Tidquist, Wes Bergazzi, and Susan Fulp in attendance.

**Shouts of Joy!** For VBS, Meagen, our nursery staff person and the birth of her daughter & her health, and the picnic

Nursery- Beth The Nursery is doing OK. We lost Barbie Benson to college, Sharon Cawood does not want to be on call but Jan Cutler is going to be on call and not on the regular schedule. Caity Lenthall is going in at 11:00. Schedule for Sept-Dec is completed and out. I have 15 extra Angel pins if any of you would like to give them to your "corner of our church".

Children's Church- Fall schedule is completed.

Children's Ministries-Chris With an average of 133 heroes + 60 amazing volunteers and a total of 161 registered children/youth, we POWERED~UP for Hero Central 2017! Through the music, crafts, missions, science, recreation, and the Bible stories brought to life, the children discovered their strength in God! The children shared their love for our Heroes, the Wounded Warriors, by making cards of encouragement and together collected \$279.42 to help a local hero! A special "thank you" to Harold Fulp for leading the Adult VBS Bible study. They had an average of 25 each night attend to study the letter of Philippians.

UMKids kick off is set for Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> with bouncy houses, food, and FUN fellowship!

Youth- Andrew On July 19<sup>th</sup>, the youth went to see the Spiderman movie. Youth mission luncheon is set for Aug. 27 at noon; come enjoy and support. On Aug. 27 at 6 pm there will be a training for those who teach youth Sunday school and/or are involved in Sunday night youth activities. Youth and Confirmation will kick off on **Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>!**

College- Angee The College Ministry Program is revving up for College Student Sign-ups. I thought it would be best to include the "Thank You to the previous Volunteers" on the reverse side of the same insert to sign up new Students. Tentatively, this insert will go in to the bulletins late August/ early Sept. ... let the move in rush settle and student addresses be more available.

I am re-vamping the form to only include a signup sheet for students and a blurb at the bottom to contact me, via email, if anyone is interested in volunteering. We have many that volunteered last year that didn't get a student, so I will be reaching out to them first. I do want to create a short Volunteer Agreement for Volunteers to sign. I think this will help answer a lot of questions and set forth a better understanding on what is being asked from the Volunteers.

This Mission is still focusing on those volunteers that don't have time to attend meetings, but want to Volunteer.

## Family Ministries- Bryson

SUMC 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Beach Blast Family Picnic on August 1 with 80 hamburgers + 50 hotdogs + with approx.50 from our church family and 30+ beach goers = Fantastic Fellowship. SUMC was shining bright at EI!

The Advent Wreath Dinner will be on **Sunday the Dec. 3** from 4:30-6:30 pm, the first Sunday of Advent.

## Sunday School-Anne Scott and Bonnie Bihary

We give thanks for the 4 years that Anne has been so helpful as one of the SS Superintendents. Megan Fahy has agreed to take Anne's position; welcome Megan!

There was discussion about having Pastor Scott meet with the SS teachers. It was also discussed that it would be good to have one of the pastors visit all the classes at various times; for accountability purposes, curriculum advise, and for support & encouragement.

SS teacher needs as of today: PreK (3/4yo)= 1 teacher for odd months & 1 for even months - 4th/5th Grade= 1 assistant for odd months

### **New classes starting Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**

-Young Adults taught by Cheryl Epperson & Mary Pat Johnson, Bldg 3, rm 217

-Understanding Other Faiths taught by Jim Brewster, Bldg 2, rm LL35

-Small group featuring Bible stories taught by Earl & Yana Frantz, old fellowship hall in Bldg 1

-Small group featuring Bible stories taught by Kelly McDonald and Amy Dodson, fellowship hall, Bldg 1

**Promotion Sunday is Aug. 27;** children will go to their grade appropriate classrooms on this Sunday. Cupcakes will be served to welcome and greet new class members. Bibles will be given to the 2 year olds and to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. 6<sup>th</sup> graders will receive a study Bible at the beginning of Confirmation.

## Daycare-Betty and Becky

1. Open house for 1/2 day preschool will be August 14th & 15th.

2. Preschool classes will start **September 5th.**

3. The first night of the Triple P Parenting (Positive, Parenting, Program) classes start August 22nd -- from 6:30 - 8:30. We will have free childcare and light meal. This program is sponsored by Onslow County Partnership for children.

Wes closed us with prayer.

**NEXT MEETING      September 12, 2017   at 6:30 pm**