

Education and Nurture Meeting

March 14, 2017

Opened with prayer and devotion on
Shouts of Joy!

In attendance were the following Angee Stewart, Chris Wilson, Betty Tidquist, and Susan Fulp

Nursery- Beth All is good. Schedule for May-Aug will go out in April.

Children's Church- All is good☺

Children's Ministries-Chris UMKids made Valentine cards that were sent to our Golden members. UMKids are working on preparations for the spring musical, The Kingdom Connection, which is scheduled for April 30 during the 11 o'clock service. Easter egg hunt is being combined with the 5K for Kids race to support the Methodist Home for Children. Festivities will include 2 bouncy houses and face painting by Crystal Hernandez. Need at least 2 adults to man the bouncy houses. VBS Hero Central is powering up for July 10-13 where we will all discover our strength in God! Volunteers are needed for many areas!

Youth- Angelo Lake Junaluska retreat for the confirmands is April 28-30. 18 confirmands will be confirmed on May 21 at the 11 o'clock service. Summer kick off for youth is June 4 at Nat and Megan Fahy's home from 4:30-6:30. Recognition of graduating seniors is June 11. Our new Director of Student ministries, Andrew Harper, will start May 30.

College- Angee The Church Mouse Reveal Social has been scheduled for Sat. May 13th at 5pm. As you know, I have invited all the Students and the Church Mouse Volunteers and have asked them to RSVP. I thought it best to let the Students bring a guest if they like (hope this will encourage more to come). The Students that are not able to attend have been asked to write a Thank You letter to their Church Mouse to be presented to them at the Reveal. I hope to buy a gift for each of the Church Mouse Volunteers and need budget available. Currently, I am planning on having Pizza Hut cater the event because they offer pizza, pasta and dessert. There are 18 college students. Gifts for the church mouse were discussed; cloth bag with "church mouse" on it.

Family Ministries-Bryson SUPER SOUPER Supper!!! The annual Souper Supper was super on Jan. 29 with great fellowship of all ages and 18 delicious soups to taste! With the runner up spoon going to Joella Stern for her yummy "Cheeseburger" soup and the prized ladle for 1st place going to Pam Castellano for her delicious "Beach Patrol Chowder"! THANK YOU to ALL for being a part of this family ministry that supported Onslow Community Outreach Soup Kitchen with \$221.90!!!

The 5k run/walk to support the Methodist Home for Children is scheduled for Sat. April 1st at 9 am followed with a breakfast and the family fun and the Easter egg hunt.

Registration is happening now or you can the morning of the event.

Sunday School-Anne Scott and Bonnie Bihary We still need a second teacher for Middle & High School classes; Middle school needs an assistant for every month and High school needs a fulltime teacher and an assistant for the even months. This will be announced and in the bulletin/Scoop for the next two Sundays. It was also suggested to have a youth to announce the need. We have a new teacher with the k/1st grade, Dee Smith (yeah!). The first Sunday School monthly connection letter went out in March to parents. The Sunday school connection has been developed to help connect you, the parent with what your child is hearing and learning during the Sunday school hour. Our prayer as teachers is that you will connect with your child and let them share with you how God's Word has touched them. (March letter is attached) Safe Sanctuary training was offered in Jan and Feb. along with a luncheon to give "Thanks" for our awesome volunteers!

Daycare-Betty and Becky Bunny pictures taken last week. We are working on the summer program for pre-K. The childcare board has met once, and we asked the teachers for a wish list of items that would help make their job a little easier. We are getting prices and a list together of what we can purchase. We will be working on the playground to get it ready for the summer.

Betty shared the following:

Childcare Advisory 2017 Goals

- A. To build on and enhance the original parent handbook.
- B. To investigate the possibility of purchasing sound buffers for the three year old classroom, storage bins for playground toys, climbing equipment for the 3 and 4 year old playground, tablet/tablets for educational games, and CD player/players with MP3 AUX ports and earphones. (Becky will present a price assessment at our next meeting.)
- C. To advertise summer programming so it allows for more community awareness of classes the SUMC Child Care Center offers.
- D. To offer parenting classes to preschool parents and church parents.

Closed with prayer.

NEXT MEETING May 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm



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Sunday School Connection

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Our 2 year old class Bible story for the month of March is from Luke 19:1-10, the story of Jesus showing love to Zacchaeus. The Bible verse is "I give you a new commandment: Love each other." (John 13:34) Repetition is how we teach the 2 year old students so we only have one Bible story per month.

Pre-K students through 5th graders will be digging into God's truth's as shown below.

Jesus Shows Love

Anchor Point for March: Jesus shows us how to love each other.

March Bible Verse: "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other." John 13:34

March 5: Bible story is Jesus shows love to Ten Lepers from Luke 17:11-19

March 12: Jesus shows love to Zacchaeus from Luke 19:1-10

March 19: Jesus shows love at the Last Supper from Matthew 26:17-30

March 26: Jesus shows love in the Garden from Matthew 26:31-58

Mark your calendars: **Easter Egg Hunt and 5K run for Methodist home for Children is April 1 from 9-11** with the Easter egg hunt to be hoppin' at 10:30. Donations of plastic eggs, candy, small toys are being collected~drop off outside church office and in the Assembly Hall.

***Vacation Bible School is set for July 10-13 from 5-8 pm.**