

## **Education and Nurture Meeting September 12, 2017**

Opened with prayer and devotion with Bryson McLean, Megan Fahy, Beth Lenthall, Andrew Harper, and Susan Fulp were in attendance.

**Shouts of Joy! Hurricane Irma didn't come our way, youth kick-off, and new classes**

Nursery- Beth All is well with the nursery. Joyful for smoother running....so far! Sadly, Beth is stepping down from being our awesome nursery coordinator. Thank you, Beth, for all you have done for this important ministry for our babies and their families!

**+++Does anyone know of who might be interested in taking this position?**

I have asked Jeanie Smith, a current nursery volunteer, and she is praying about it; she said "yes", Praise the Lord!

In Oct. through the bulletin and scoop ask for more volunteers for 2018; currently we have 8 for both the 8:30 and 11:00 services, would prefer 10 for each. Also, ask Andrew to ask if any high schoolers are interested in being a nursery volunteer.

Children's Church- All is well

Children's Ministries-Chris **Fall Festival Sunday, 29 Oct from 4:30-6 pm**

My thoughts: Trunk or Treat with hotdogs. Do we want to keep it simple or add games like the past? What is the current budget left for this year? \$366 has been spent of the \$1000 budget

My concern: We never seem to have the volunteers to set up, run the games appropriately and tear down. Many youth do trunks and therefore cannot man the games the entire time. **+++Would like thoughts of the committee?? Keep the hotdogs, hayride with possible pumpkin patch, and trunk or treat with GAMES at trunks. Have a sign-up sheet w/ contact info. Email them prior to encourage them to have a simple game at their trunk if they would like to add to the festivities.** Announcement: Plan to run it in the bulletin the month of Oct if possible

UMKids kicked off on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> with 31 BOUNCY kids enjoying bouncy houses, food, and FUN fellowship!

Youth- Andrew Youth mission luncheon is set for Aug. 27 was well attended and enjoyed by all. 31 youth and 12 Confirmands kicked off on Sept. 10 with great fun!

We are going to the **Refuge October 6th and 7th**. We are in need of a few extra canoes/kayaks still. **Pilgrimage is set for Nov. 10-12** in Fayetteville.

College- Angee The Church Mouse Program is off to a good start. We have 13 college students signed up and 10 Church Mouse volunteers. I am currently acting as the Mouse for 3 students. Hopefully, I will hear from a few more volunteers soon. I sent a Welcome Letter to all 13 College Students telling them or reminding them about the program. I also gave them my contact information in order to contact me with any questions or concerns.

## Family Ministries-

The **Advent Wreath Dinner will be on Sunday the Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the first Sunday of Advent, from 4:30-6:30 pm. What are the numbers from last year? Last year we had 30 families signed up and we served 120 people spaghetti. Depending on how many kits we have left I think we need to be prepared with 75 kits (?) one per family- We will need to order the supplies from Through the Looking Glass by the first of Nov.

## Sunday School- Megan Fahy and Bonnie Bihary

Bonnie is stepping down as SS superintendent after serving 3 years ~Thank you, Bonnie! +++**Thoughts/input needed as to how to move forward with attendance counts.**

**Megan to set up Google Docs for the SS teachers to send their attendance numbers in each Sunday.**

**New classes had 4 each in attendance. It was discussed to have the adult class teachers to share a brief overview of their study at each service to encourage participation and help people feel welcomed especially to the new classes. Megan is to check with Pastor Crystal about when this can be done.**

**SS teacher needs as of today: PreK (3/4yo) 1 teacher for odd months & 1 for even months Any suggestions???**

Praise, Wendy Robinson is assisting with the 4th/5th Grade class on the odd months!

## Daycare-Betty and Becky

No report at this time.

Andrew closed our time together with prayer.

**NEXT MEETING    November 14, 2017    at 6:30 pm**