

Education and Nurture Meeting

Nov. 12, 2019

Prayer and devotion from Upper Room called “God Boxes” was shared by Susan with Ashleigh, Layne, Chris, and Megan in attendance.

Shouts of Joy! For mom’s who help w/ UMKids, God Boxes, Pilgrimage-inspiring Trunk or treat-reached out to our community

Nursery-Jan-April schedule to go out by Dec. 10 **Need a coordinator**

Children’s Church-Susan Fulp Jan-April schedule to go out by Dec. 10

Asked Layne to remind the youth that they can volunteer to help with CC if middle school age and nursery if high school age; even one Sunday a quarter is helpful!

Children’s Ministries-Chris Wilson UMKids made bookmarks for our college students as well as the prison ministry last month. Thanksgiving cards were made for our Golden Members this past Sunday. They are working on the songs for the musical, Faith News. We are so glad that Beth Nicholson and Gay Williams are teaching and leading handbells for our 4/5th grade UMKids. UMKids will be having their Christmas party and go caroling to shut-ins on Dec. 15 at noon.

Trunk or treat- even with chance of rain, we had a good turnout, served 182 hotdogs (BIG thank you to Jamie Allen), only had 9 trunks, added face painting (Caity Lenthall & Amani Harpine)

Youth- Pastor Adam & Layne Harpine 33youth + 11 adult volunteers experienced Pilgrimage ’19 in Fayetteville this past weekend! Layne shared what his role as youth coordinator looked like including supporting Pastor Adam, planning activities, and teaching. We are seeing growth; the youth are inviting friends! Confirmation is going well with 10 students. The Lake Junaluska trip has been reserved for April 24-26.

College- Angee Stewart The College Student Mission is running smoothly. As you know, I have been sending out monthly reminders to the volunteers regarding staying in touch with their college student.

We had one student who is in the Merchant Marine Academy and deployed on a submarine and will not be able to receive traditional mail for awhile. The volunteer for that student offered to take another one if any were available. Since I was volunteering for 2 students, this worked out because I was able to give her one of mine.

I may have mentioned it before, but we had an awesome volunteer step down because their student never thanked them last year. You will see closer to the end of the school year, I will start preparing volunteers for this possibility and encourage them that they are planting seeds that may not bloom in our time, but in God's time. If you have any other suggestions, please let me know.

Marlene Scott contacted me in regards to volunteering for this mission and whether I wanted to continue. Since I have been the coordinator for 5 years (I think), I agreed that it may be time for a

fresh perspective. I also agreed to help train the new coordinator if they choose to continue the Church Mouse Program. I hope they do, it sure has been a blessing to me!

Family Ministries- Ashleigh Sewell **Advent Wreath Spaghetti Dinner celebration is Dec. 1 from 4:30-6:30 pm.** Signup sheets in all (3) buildings and announcement for the bulletin/Scoop going out this week. Souper Supper is set for Jan. 26 from 5-6:30 pm. Some ideas that were tossed around included a March Madness event, 5th Sunday events, bake potato bar, corn hole tournament. We also talked about a “Volunteer Board”. Ashleigh shared that it would be helpful after someone joins the church to reach out with a phone call to see where their interests are as to how they may want to be a part of the church family.

Sunday School- Megan Fahy

Teachers still needed for Pre-K; we do have one new volunteer, Denise Copeland who has just started helping Gwen some.

Megan is working on a sub list; following up with the original list to see who is willing to sub. Megan to send out an email to the Sunday school teachers once a quarter to touch base as well as get an update from the adult classes on their current or upcoming study. Then take this info and share it through the Scoop to connect with the congregation.

“Happy Birthday, Jesus” will be on Dec. 22 during the Sunday school hour.

Daycare- Allison Cowell

We have 80 currently enrolled with 1 infant spot open!
The older classes are working on cards for the troops.
We are currently hiring, if you know anyone send them our way!

Closed with prayer.

NEXT MEETING January 14, 2020