

September 2018



Children's Ministry News

"This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord..." Ephesians 4:13

Family Ministry Events—Fall 2018

Friday, October 19, 6:00 p.m.

Family Fall Fest @ the Larson Farm

Enjoy a hayride, bonfire, apple bobbing, and more fall fun!



Friday, November 9, 6:30 p.m.

Family Movie Night @ LPC

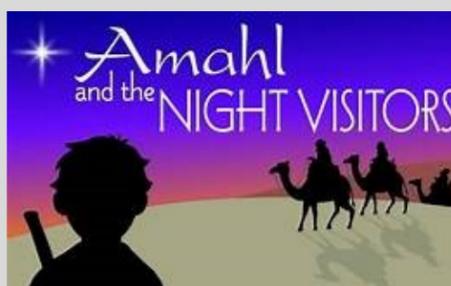
Watch a movie in the ARK with pizza and popcorn!



Friday, December 14 7:00 p.m.

Amahl and the Night Visitors @ LPC

Watch marionettes perform this Christmas masterpiece!



embrace

Embrace is our ministry for children 2 and under. This fall, we are growing our Sunday School offering for our youngest children. They will now hear the same Bible passage as their older siblings and friends during Sunday School and enjoy a couple of accompanying activities such as simple crafts, coloring pages, and games. Embrace children can also bring their parents or grandparents to sing and dance at Music Makers each week.

Embrace Sunday School—Sundays @ 10

Music Makers—Tuesdays @ 10



Explorers — also known as Preschoolers and Kindergarteners – are in for an exciting time this fall! They will enjoy their time in Sunday School exploring the book of Genesis and spend their Wednesday time exploring stories about the Power of God in both the Old and New Testaments. Explorers will also be learning songs to sing with their older peers on each of the upcoming Family Sundays. So mark your calendars for the following and stay tuned for more details!

September 30—Sing on Family Sunday

October 28—Sing on Family Sunday

October 31—Explore Pumpkin Party @ LPC

November 25—Sing on Family Sunday

December 9—Christmas Musical



- Sept 30** Sing for Family Sunday
- Sept 30** Crafts @ Bickford Senior Living
- Oct 13** Junior Jam (3rd and 4th Grade)
- Oct 28** Sing for Family Sunday
- Oct 31** Excite Pumpkin Party
- Nov 9** Shoebox Packing Party
- Nov 25** Sing for Family Sunday
- Dec 1** LPC Christmas Open House
- Dec 9** Christmas Musical

Excite Kids (Grades 1-4) will be learning about God with their minds, their hearts, and their hands this fall. They will be studying the book of Genesis in Sunday School and the Fruit of the Spirit and the Beatitudes on Wednesday nights. They will also be making crafts with senior residents at Bickford Senior Living in Middletown, collecting items for Operation Christmas Child, and volunteering for the Living Nativity at our LPC Christmas Open House.

They will also be preparing to sing in worship on our upcoming Family Sundays, have an opportunity to attend Junior Jam (3rd and 4th grade only) and take part in our Christmas musical.

Sharing God's Love at Bickford Senior Living Center

Sunday, Sept. 30

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Excite Kids will spend the afternoon of sharing God's love with the elderly residents at Bickford Senior Living Center on Union Road. Kids and residents will make a fall craft together, sing songs, and simply enjoy each other's company.



We will meet at LPC at 2:00 p.m. and either carpool or take the LPC bus to Bickford. To sign-up, email or text Ann OR look for a take-home form to fill out and return. Parents are both welcome and encouraged to come along!

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Friday, Nov. 9

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Throughout September and October, Excite Kids will be collecting items to pack in shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The Orange Excite Room will have a large bin to hold everything, so your children can bring in their contributions at any time. We will send home a flyer with more details on which items are needed. You can also find out by visiting www.samaritan'spurse.org



Then, on Friday, November 9, we will have a shoebox packing party at 5:30 p.m. in the Orange Excite Room followed by Family Movie Night at 6:30!

Engage Fall 2018 Dates

Sept 19 WNT Dinner Assistants
Sept 30 Sing for Family Sunday
Sept 30 Engage Puppets
Oct 13 Junior Jam
Oct 10 WNT Dinner Assistants
Oct 28 Sing for Family Sunday
Oct 28 Engage Puppets
Oct 31 Beggar's Night Candy Handout
Nov 25 Sing for Family Sunday
Nov 25 Engage Puppets
Dec 1 LPC Christmas Open House
Dec 9 Christmas Musical
Dec 12 Engage Party @ Mad Potter



Engage kids (Grades 5-6) are gearing up to put their faith into practice. Their Middle School curriculum for Sunday School features weekly take-home devotions to help them engage with God's word on their own. Wednesday meetings will incorporate these devotional verses and questions, as kids talk about how to be a Christian in their everyday lives.

Engage kids will also have opportunities for fellowship and service. They will sing on Family Sundays, they will help with WNT dinners, they will craft and perform Sunday morning puppet shows, they will have the opportunity to attend Junior Jam, and they will host a Beggar's Night candy handout at LPC.

WNT Dinner Assistants

September 19 / October 10



Two times this fall, Engage

Kids will be helping to prepare and serve dinner for Wednesday Nights Together. On September 19, they will be helping John and Fran Morris; on October 10, they will be helping Terry Browning and Karen Fannin. Each time, they will need to arrive by 4:30 p.m.

Your children will have an opportunity to sign up for this themselves; please help them keep their commitment as much as possible. We need at least four children to help each time, but we can put everyone to work who is willing and able!

Engage Puppets

September 30

October 28

November 25

Engage Kids will continue performing puppet shows during Sunday School. BUT, now they also have the opportunity to create them! They can use their own ideas and abilities to write scripts based on the lesson of the day (or theme of the unit), perform character voices, AND be puppeteers.

Engage Kids will also be able to sign up for their part in this themselves, and it may involve some things to be done at home. Please encourage them to discover and use their gifts in this way!



Our new Sunday School curriculum has an app! You can download the LifeWay Kids app on Apple or Android devices so you and your Explore and Excite kids can continue learning throughout the week. The LifeWay Kids App is free; once you have that you can choose a Lite Version of The Gospel Project for free or a Full Version for Phone or Tablet for 99 cents.

Lite Version Features

- Key Passage Voice Recorder
- Digital Coloring Pages
- Family Starter Questions

Additional Full Version Features:

- Bible Videos
- Songs
- Puzzles



This month, we will be launching a once-a-month Sunday School series for parents at all ages and stages of parenthood. We will begin by looking at spiritual formation—how kids come to believe in God—and our role in nurturing their faith. Then, in the months to follow, we will talk about challenges that keep us from nurturing faith in our kids and ways we can strive to overcome them.

Date: September 30

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: LPC Student Center

Junior Jam is an annual event for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders hosted by Cedarville University. It is like a one-day VBS experience featuring a nationally recognized Christian performer, break-out sessions with college student leaders, lunch, games, and music from Cedarville's student-led praise band. Sign-up sheets are available in the Excite and Engage classrooms on Sundays and Wednesdays. Just pick one up and turn it in!

Date: Saturday, October 13

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Cedarville University

Who: 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders

