



## KIDTRICITY NEWS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



The children's ministry kicked off it's new "Celebrate Wonder" Funday School with a parade on Sept. 19. Teachers decorated the sidewalks and families drove through to pick up bags containing the supplies they will need to participate in Sunday school for the fall quarter. Each family received a Family Activity Book, craft materials and a special Celebration chart to use at home. They also re-

ceived a copy of the Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook and third graders received their third-grade Bibles as well. Several families stopped by, but if you weren't able to come you can still get your goodies by contacting Nancy Cooper at [ncooper@communityumc.net](mailto:ncooper@communityumc.net). It was a fun afternoon and we are thankful for all who turned out!



## CONNECT NEWS YOUTH MINISTRY

Meet Amanda Furtick who joins the staff as director of youth ministries and contemporary worship. She is from Chicago, and as a homeschooled youth spent much of her time singing, playing piano and doing community theater. She came to the University of Missouri-Columbia to pursue a degree in vocal music education with a concentration in piano. After the pandemic began, Amanda struggled to find a job. When the position at Community UMC opened, she felt she found a perfect combination of faith, teaching and music. The peace that she experienced through the interview process left her with a feeling that this was all part of God's plan for her. She is thankful for the energy surrounding her first few meetings with the youth group and looks forward to expanding her ministries at Community.





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### MISSIONS NEWS COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Loaves and Fishes is a vital ministry of our church that helps feed the homeless and those with food insecurities in Columbia. Meals are offered at Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church and provided by churches, organizations and individuals. Community UMC provides and serves the meal on the fourth Saturday of each month and we help serve meals on each third Saturday.

Please welcome Linda Fillwock as the new coordinator of Loaves and Fishes from Community. She is taking over for Kaye and Bill Miller. Linda and her husband, Dennis, moved to Columbia from Albuquerque, N.M., where they lived for 40 years. Linda is a retired high school English teacher, and Dennis worked as a consultant and service engineer for Xerox. The draw to Columbia is their daughter's family with three granddaughters. For more information about volunteering for Loaves and Fishes, contact Linda—Home: 573-445-3991, Cell: 505-301-8108, e-mail: lfillwock@gmail.com.

A note from Kaye: I wish to thank Pastor Curtis, Carla Hunter and the many faithful volunteers who have helped with this effort. You have provided countless meals, background tasks and donations necessary to fulfill our commitment as a church. While compiling a description of the duties associated with Loaves and Fishes, it became clear just how faithful and generous our church members have been. Thanks to Linda for answering the call going forward. And thank you to all who have put on your servant hats, gloves and, yes, masks, to make this ministry possible.

## New Emergency Exit



A new emergency exit has been added near the southwest corner of the Worship Center. Ramps have been built, inside and out, for greater accessibility. We are thankful for this improvement and the safety it provides for our worshipping community.