



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



Note from the Rector

Dear Church of the Apostles,

We love children! It is our pleasure to welcome them into our family as participants in worship and ministry. We are honored to walk alongside parents as whole families are equipped to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus.

On the third week of each month Amy Willers will be highlighting our children's ministry in our eNote. Please take a minute to get up to speed on all of the happenings in Children's Ministry at Apostles and then pause to pray for our wonderful team of men and women who minister to our parents and children each week.

Enjoy!

The Rev. Brian Murphy
Rector, Church of the Apostles

Monthly Memory Verse

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11*



As with last year, our goal is to have all the children memorize twelve verses this year. At the end of the year, there will be a special prize to those children who can recite them all! Instead of verses on a key ring this year, each child will receive a picture frame to display their monthly verses in a place where they can see them everyday! Look for those soon!

Dates to Remember



January 18

Compline @ the church office

January 20

Youth Group @ the church office

Grades 6-12 welcome!

Contact the church office for more information.

January 21

Regional Service @ 4pm

January 23

New Life Group begins

Topic: The Spiritual Gifts

7:30-9:00pm on Tuesdays.

Contact the church office for more details.

January 28

Family Table after the service

February 2

Family Double-Feature Movie Night!

6:00 The Incredibles; 8:00 Bringing Up Baby

At the church office. Pizza and snacks provided.

\$5 suggested donation per person.

Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to come.



Walter Wittwer reading to Apostles' Kids before they split into their Sunday School classes.

Children's Ministry Needs

- **Consider purchasing and donating** (and then maybe reading!) a Christian children's book to help us build up our Sunday School library. We love having visitors come to read to us (see picture of Walter above). For ideas, click [here](#).
- **If you can play a guitar, sing, or just clap your hands**, please consider helping bring music to our younger classrooms! We need people who would come in during worship time and lead our children in song.



If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please [contact Amy Willers](#) for more information.



Teacher and Parent Resources

- The activity bags have been updated, so make sure your kids check them out! There are small boxes of Valentine stickers for kids to take home. If you ever notice something is missing or should be added, please feel free to [let Amy Willers know](#).
- We are building up a nice little children's ministry library! If there is ever a book you'd like to take home and read to your children throughout the week, you can always sign it out in the notebook provided in the book bins.
- [Here](#) is a brief essay on teaching children. It was shared with me as an encouragement, so I hope it will encourage you as well.

Other Church Notes

- **2018 Pledge Cards**
The Treasurer and the financial planning team encourage you to prayerfully consider your financial pledge to Church of the Apostles for 2018. Please drop your pledge card in the offering basket this Sunday or mail the card to the church office.
- **Parish Council Nominations**
This year, as of the Annual Meeting on February 25, we need three candidates to fill three 3-year terms on the Parish Council. Please take a moment to review the procedure for nominating candidates for the Parish Council here. Nominations are due to Don Barton, our Treasurer, by Sunday, January 21.

*Jesus said,
"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them,"*

for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 19:14

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