

MEET OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

My name is Nina Akin and this is my first year helping Sara Anderson in the kitchen at UM Kids.

I don't help with the teaching, but just seeing the little ones faces & smiles feeds my soul. I am old enough to know how fast kids grow & change. I can savor the kids in a way I didn't with my own. I was too busy as a parent to know there will never be another "today". Some kids are shy, some are noisy. Some are big eaters, some are picky. All of them are God's joy.

We had a messy spill and one young man stopped to help clean it up. He assured me he wasn't the one who did it, as if he would be in trouble. I told him I thought even more of him helping because he didn't do it. He was doing what Jesus would have done. That boy has the "heart" of Christ's love.



My name is Les Duff, my wife, Vicki and I have one daughter, Becky and one son, Dave. I have been helping with Sunday School for 20+ years.

Just being around the young kids, make me joyful. They are the future of our church.

Making the new Sunday School church bank for Cindy Krauel is my most joyful memory.



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My name is Ann Slechta and I have been teaching Sunday School for two years. My husband, Dave and I have three children, Rylee, Drew and Ellie.

I really enjoy building relationships with the current teachers and students, the last two years have really deepened my connection to the church family we have here at First United Methodist Church.

I have enjoyed our lessons created by Suzi, the pretzel making and seeing my daughter learn the Lord's Prayer overnight was rewarding as a parent.



My name is Char Clark, and eons ago I taught Sunday School. However, I rejoined my calling to serve the youth-just this past fall.

If I have a gift to connect with kiddos, then it brings me joy to be able to use my gift.

My most joyful moment, was when a group of girls let me into their tribe. They taught me how to make rubber band bracelets. As I worked on mine, they chatted, giggled and I smiled at their joyfulness.

