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SOUTHMINSTER CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAMS

for CHILDREN, YOUNG CHILDREN

and PARENTS, through LEARNING

IN COMMUNITY (September 2011-May 2012)



For all children's programs and activities, please complete a one-time registration form, available at the Visitor's Center in the Narthex.

Nursery Care is provided for children from birth through age 3, Sunday mornings 8 am through 12:30 pm, and other times as needed. The nursery is staffed with two paid staff and also volunteer helpers as needed. The staff has passed a drug screening and background check. Nursery workers and two substitutes are trained in CPR and first aid. Parents can be contacted if needed through pagers or cell phones. *Associate Pastor Jackie Nowak* is the supervisor of the nursery staff. The nursery and the programs for young children are evaluated regularly by the Young Children's Committee chaired by *Cindy Battelle*.

Babies and children are always welcome in worship with their parents. A Comfort Space adjacent to the Sanctuary and separated from the congregation by a glass wall offers sight and sound without the possibility of disturbing others. Changing areas are in the nursery and in the restrooms near the Sanctuary.

Children and Worship is an extension of Worship offered to children ages 4 and older. After the Word with Children during the worship service they are led to Room 225 where they sing, hear and respond to a story, share in the Feast, pray together and receive an individual blessing when they leave. They are picked up by the parents after the worship service. Contact is *Pastor Jackie Nowak*.

Christian Education for All Ages, three through adult, is offered on Sunday mornings from 9:45 till 10:45 A.M. during the program year. Classes include a Preschool group for children 3-5 and a Workshop Rotation model program for children in Kindergarten through the fifth grade based on Bible narratives. Parents pick their children up at 10:45. Middle School students (grades six through eight) Christian Education is offered during this time through the year led by Jill Parker, and an eighth grade Confirmation Class led by Pastor Megan Collins. High School students are encouraged to take part in a Growth Group of their choice, or to assist with the children's classes. Adult Growth Group classes are offered on Sunday morning and at various times throughout the week. (For up to date schedules, see www.sminster.com) Contact is *Pastor Jackie Nowak*.

Children's Choir rehearses Sunday evenings, 5:00 - 5:30 P.M. and is open to all children from Kindergarten through 5th grade. The choir sings periodically in the Worship Service. The Director is *Kathryn Moore*.

Children Chimes rehearses Sunday evenings, 5:30-6:00 P.M.. This is a children's bell choir that plays for the Worship Service periodically, open to children Second Grade and older. The Director is *Sharon Bond*.

Children's Art in Worship will be offered Sunday evenings 5:00 – 6:00 P.M. for children K and older who would rather participate in worship with arts and crafts than performance. Coordinator for this is *Pastor Jackie Nowak*.

Sunday Evening Light Meal and Fellowship is a casual half hour, 6:00 – 6:30 P.M., for families and/or children – bring food to share, or see what is there! Contact is *Pastor Jackie Nowak*.

Puppet Team rehearses on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. Open to children in middle elementary and older, the puppets are periodically a part of the Worship Service, as well as sharing their joy and faith with the community. The Directors are *Liz and Mark Ferguson*.

Fourth and Fifth Grade Fellowship meets monthly during the program year following the 11:00 Worship Service for fun, fellowship and service. This program is hosted by staff and families of the children and includes lunch. In addition, outings are scheduled periodically. *Pastor Jackie Nowak* is the contact person for this group.

Children's Mission Projects beginning in the fall include opportunities to give food and money toward Food2Go, as well as related missions, some of which will be hands on and some special collections.

Monthly Family Mission Opportunity will begin in October. A free Community Meal will be offered on the third Wednesday of each month for the south Dayton community. Families are invited to participate in this meal, and also have the opportunity to join with their children in serving others through preparation, serving or clean up.

Vacation Bible School is offered each summer to help children grow in faith, community, service and knowledge of the Bible and its stories.

Mom-to-Mom is a small group designed to support and encourage moms, while providing a much-needed chance to laugh and share concerns and solutions with each other. Casual motherhood/parenting book studies are held. The group is open to moms with children of all ages and meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., from September to May. Childcare is provided. Mom-to-Mom provides meals for parents of young children when a new baby arrives or when there is an emergency. *Jill Reese and Carine Scroggs* are the current contact persons for this group.

Date Night takes place on the third Friday of each month from October – May, and Southminster couples are invited to join others at the church for Date Night. Couples

meet with *Pastor Megan Collins* from 6:30 - 7:00 P.M. for a casual conversation about marriage, and then leave for an evening out from 7 - 9 P.M. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery, and a fun evening of games and activities for older children is hosted by the *Irwin* family. The childcare and children's activities are provided free of charge

Great-grandparent Program, which matches families with some of our most elderly people without relatives nearby, is organized by *Pat Custer*, and will be setting up new relationships in the fall.

Family Programs

Fellowship opportunities for families are offered regularly throughout the year including cookouts. *Pastors Megan Collins and Jackie Nowak* are the contact persons.

Extensive Library

The church has an extensive collection of children's books and audio visual materials and also resources for adult studies and enjoyment.

Kirkmont Camp of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley offers a summer camping programs for children and adults and the church supplements the cost of these programs. .

For additional information and updates:

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