

OCTOBER 2011

TEACHER NEWSLETTER

Sunday School Special Events for October:

- 2 Communion Sunday;
Commissioning of
Confirmation Class @
10 am & hike
- 9 Columbus Weekend
- 16 Bring a Friend to
Church; Confirmation;
kit collection ends
- 23 VIP Sunday;
Homecoming Sunday
- 30 UNICEF & Halloween
Parade

Questions, concerns, issues, problems?

We are here to help!

Dates and times of Board of Christian Education Meetings are posted on the Church calendar at

www.deepriverchurch.org

Please join us!

We put teachers first on
the agenda, so you
don't have to stay for
the entire meeting!

Back in the swing of things

It has been busy the last few weeks of Sunday School. Attendance has been great and it seems all the children have settled in and are adjusting well. I would also like to mention that new class lists should be distributed shortly with all the updates for I have many of the registration forms in. I will also be making the teacher/substitute list within the next few weeks. You may contact me if you need any information before then.

Bring a Friend to Church and VIP Sunday

Two special back-to-back Sundays will be held in October. The entire Congregation (including you) is invited to bring a Friend to Church on Sunday, October 16. We could have a few extra SS students as the children are encourage to bring a friend too, so be prepared. Then on October 23, we are bringing back our VIP Sunday! Members of our congregation will be invited to the classrooms (one per grade). They are not visitors, but members of your class. Please be sure to include them in your lesson, whether it be coloring or a lesson! You might even be able to stump them on some Bible trivia!!

UNICEF Sunday & Halloween Parade

Halloween/UNICEF Sunday will be on October 30th. All children, Kindergarten class on up, will meet in the Fellowship Hall by 9:45 am in costume. As the children arrive gather the ones that are in your class. At 10:00 am we will proceed into the Sanctuary, march up the center aisle and then split off to go down the sides. When the first part of the line reaches the last pew on the sides, the parade will halt and the 7th/8th grade class will give the UNICEF Sermon. (At this point some children will be sitting in the center aisle, which is fine; because once the sermon is finished the parade will start up again.) The children will then return to their classrooms. The BoCE will supply juice for each grade and will be coordinating with parents to make treats for your class. Please let us take care of the treats for we ask parents of those with allergies to bake.
Because this is such a busy day, I urge that all teachers be present.

October's Group's Hands-on

Date	Lesson #
2	5
9	6
16	7
23	8
30	9 & UNICEF Sunday

For tips/ideas log onto:

www.handsonbible.com/teacher/default.asp

Contact Sybil with any questions!

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Updates and Requests

- Make sure Church is out before dismissing your class. I know it is hard to determine at times when the service is over, but have your class aide check for you. To avoid any conflicts with the Coffee Hour hosts of the children eating the snacks before Church is out, please keep them in the class. If you run out of materials, discuss what they liked/disliked about today's subject and/or what lessons will be discussed in the upcoming weeks.
- All school and hygiene kit items that the children bring in should be put in the Donation Station located across from my office.
- Please remind the 5th grade up, that on the first Sunday of each month they are invited to our Youth Communion Service at 9:55 am in the Fellowship Hall. After the service is over, they will be dismissed to their classrooms. **All teachers are invited and encouraged to attend.**
- Each class has their own bulletin board for decorating. I ask that you keep the boards covered with class materials/art work throughout the year.
- I hope many of you have met and talked with our new Seminary Intern Allison Glass. As part of her "curriculum", she has many requirements to fulfill during her stay with us, including visiting our Sunday School. Ally will be making her rounds into our classes on various Sundays. Please welcome her and explain to the children that Ally is studying to be a minister. Feel free to include her in your class lesson. She has a lot of knowledge and we look forward to her presence throughout the year! If you would like Ally to be in your classroom on a specific Sunday, please see me to arrange.

Visit Our Teacher's Web Page

Visit our new Teacher Web Page on our church web site!

www.deepriverchurch.org

Find quick links to Groups Hands-on Bible Curriculum for:

- Teacher Tips
- Scope & Sequence
- Why Gizmos Work?
- Grade Level Assistance

Plus you can download the Teacher Newsletter in print format!

If you would like to see any other links added, just let me know!