

Sunday School Parent Handbook

2011 - 2012

FOR GOD SO LOVED
THE WORLD



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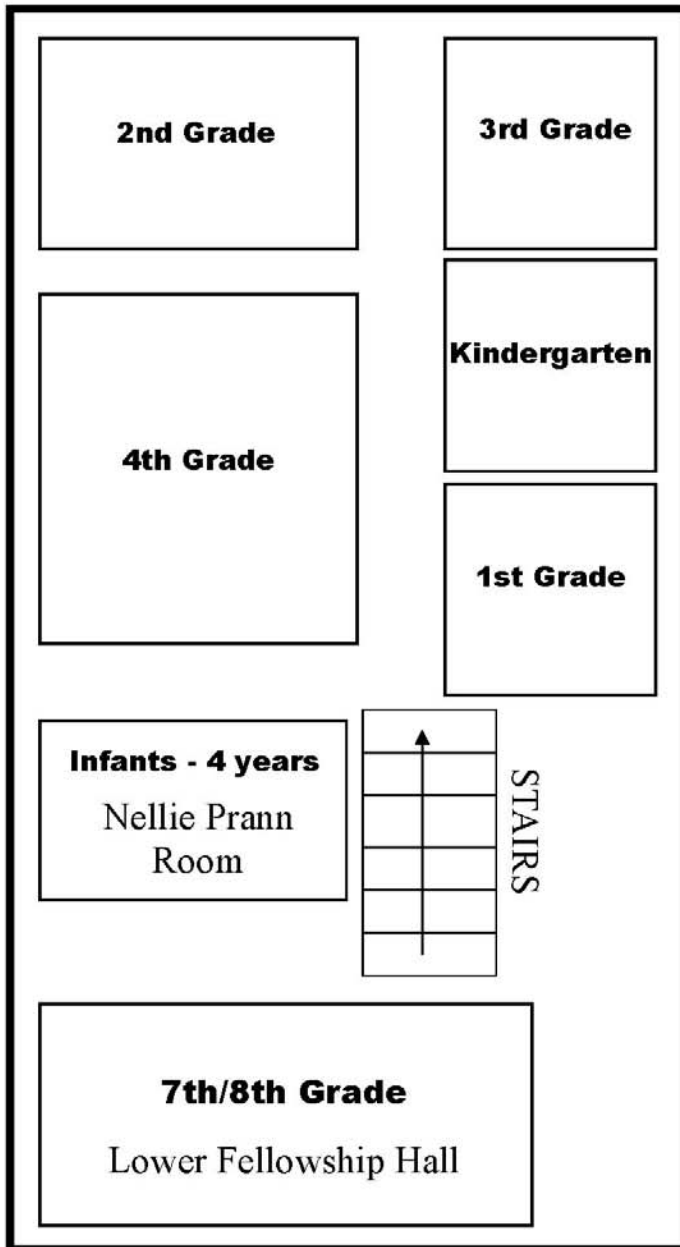
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**Continuing the efforts of our Sunday School children, we are constantly looking for ways to go green!
Feel free to print this handbook at home or keep it on your computer for reference.**

Where Do I Go?

SUNDAY SCHOOL

DOWNSTAIRS



UPSTAIRS

5th/6th Grade

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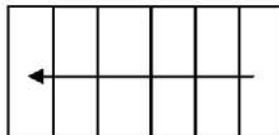
Teen Issues

Upper Room

Youth Communion

Upper Fellowship Hall

STAIRS



INTRODUCTION TO THE C.E. HANDBOOK

The Sunday School year begins on September 11, 2011. All children and teens are welcome to our Sunday School program. If you invite a guest, please introduce your child's friend to the teacher. Everyone is considered a part of our Church School family.

This year looks to be another exciting year for the youth of our Church. As we continue with the growth of our Church School, I hope your child will grow in his/her personal journey with Christ. The religious experience that we give our children at home, combined with their academic education given at church, will provide your child with a well-rounded program. We, as parents, should ensure that they receive this development by attending Sunday School on a regular basis and promote a Christian way of life at home. In the type of the world we live in today, where young people and adults face difficult issues in their daily lives, it is crucial that we educate our children with Christians values.

I encourage everyone to be present on Sunday mornings to worship, make friends and to serve God. Through the staff of dedicated Youth Lay Ministers, the support of the parents and the congregation, our Church School will provide the necessary tools for a rewarding, as well as educational, Christian experience.

I look forward to working with your child and guiding them through a Christian journey that will be with them into their adulthood.

Sybil R. Higgins, Director of Christian Education
E-mail: *ChristianEd.drcc@snet.net*

Sunday School Purpose
***To let every child know they have a
special place in the house of our Lord
and to lead each child into a
personal relationship with Jesus.***

From The Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education would like to thank you for having the confidence to invite us into a partnership in the Christian education of your child. While Christian education is the responsibility of the parents, we welcome the opportunity to supplement your efforts at home. It is our hope that we can play an important role in the lifelong journey of faith for you and your child.

One goal of public education systems has become to help children develop into "life-long learners"; all the more important that we as Christians recognize and pursue life-long Christian learning. It is only through learning that we grow. If we are to grow as Christians, we must continue to learn as Christians. We, as a Christian community, have a responsibility to build into our daily lives learning opportunities for ourselves and others around us. There are ways to do this in every aspect of our Church life. Let each adult in our Church family challenge themselves to be a life-long learner and thereby teach and lead our children in an understanding and love of Christ and our Christian heritage.

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

The Nellie Prann Room, for infants through 4 years old, can be brought to their classrooms starting at 9:45 a.m. Students attending the Kindergarten class and older should go directly to the Sanctuary with their family for the Worship Service which begins at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School children will attend the first part of the Worship Service and then go to their classes as noted in the Sunday Bulletin. Children will be dismissed from their classrooms as indicated on their registration form. We ask parents not to pick up their children until 11:10 a.m. so the teachers can end their classes without disruption. If the service runs longer, the children will remain in their classrooms until Church is over. To have continuity with our lessons, all classes meet every Sunday, except for holidays as noted in the back of this handbook.

REGISTRATION FORMS

Parents will need to complete a family registration form when their child(ren) attends Sunday School. The Board of Christian Education (BoCE) requires a new form to be on file every year, in order to update allergies and other pertinent information. Forms can be found in the office of the Director of Christian Education (DCE) or on line at www.deepriverchurch.org.

COMMUNITY COVENENT

All children of the Sunday School will be asked to make a commitment to be supportive and caring and to grow in our understanding of a Christian life. We ask them to agree to support one another in being *Responsible, Respectful, Prepared, Safe and Kind*. More information regarding the Covenant can be found on the reverse side of the registration form and on page 12 of this book.

YOUTH COMMUNION SERVICES

Youth Communion Services will take place at 9:55 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month in the Upper Fellowship Hall. Music, readings and partaking of the elements are all part of this 15 minute service done largely in part by the youth of our Church. This service is for the 5th through 12th grade and the teachers of our Sunday School. The 4th grade class will join us after they receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday. The children will be dismissed to their classrooms following this service.

ATTENDANCE

As Christian parents, we have a responsibility to nurture children in our faith and to provide for their spiritual growth. Our Church School is designed to assist parents in the Christian development of their children. Attending Sunday School on a regular basis is important so that children have continuity in the material being taught in the classroom and in the activities that are planned for our Sunday School children throughout the year.

SNOW DAY CANCELLATIONS

In the event of inclement weather, please check our web site at www.deepriverchurch.org to see if Sunday School has been cancelled. The Minister and the DCE make the decision about closing by 8:00 a.m. As always use your best judgment and don't venture out if the roads are not safe.

SAFE CHURCH

First Congregational Church of Deep River is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for the children and youth entrusted into this church's care in order to foster a positive Christian learning experience. Our Safe Church policy is a pro-active means of ensuring we continue as much as possible to engage capable and nurturing individuals in the care of our children and youth. We therefore require Volunteer Applications from all those who work with our children and provide Class Aides in the classroom, so there are at least two adults in a room during Sunday School. If you would like a copy of our Safe Church Policy, please stop by the office of the DCE.

Room Partner/Class Aides: In an effort to comply with Safe Church policy ("Two Volunteer Rule") all events in which DRCC is providing supervision of youth, a minimum of two volunteers will be utilized. The rule will include coverage of the Sunday School classrooms in the form of a Class Aide. The Class Aide assist teachers in various ways including distributing items, helping with crafts, washing hands, etc. A Class Aide sheet is posted on the classroom bulletin board so teachers know who will be in their class each week. A Room Partner (similar to a room parent) is assigned to each grade. They oversee Class Aide schedules, make sure each classroom has a second adult present and checks attendance sheets. If they notice that a child has been absent for more than a few weeks in a row a "Miss You" card is sent. **In order to obtain this coverage, all parents will be required to sign up for at least two Sundays during the Church year to be a Class Aide.**

INFANT CARE

Infants will be cared for in a section of the Nellie Prann Room. This room is always staffed with at least two adults, so parents can feel confident leaving their little ones during the Church service. This area is equipped with a changing table, a pack-n-play, rockers and a soft floor to cruise. Please label all items brought to this room (diaper bags, bottles and pacifiers).

NELLIE PRANN ROOM

Children up to 4 years of age will be tended to in the Nellie Prann Room. The children will be cared for in a safe and nurturing environment that offers age appropriate toys. They will be introduced to Christian values through prayer shells, interactive play, music and Bible stories. Snack is provided.

CLASS CURRICULUM

This year many of our grades in our Sunday School program will use the successful Group's Hands-on Bible Curriculum. Groups main concept is to focus on one specific Bible point for each lesson instead of numerous points often found with Sunday School curriculum. We also use a variety of activities to convey that message, whether it be with song, role playing, crafts, games or the every so popular Gizmos that are included in our Learning Labs. Our teachers might form a circle and pass a spiral shoelace so the children can express something they are thankful for or toss a feather ball which will land right side up, everytime; just like God keeps his promise, everytime. The advantage of giving our children one Bible application each week is so that they will embrace it; then we make it fun so they relate it with the materials in which it was taught, which in turn can be used in their daily lives.



LEARNING FOCUSES

The following provides a brief overview of what each class, in addition to their curriculum, focuses on through the year. There are also special activities planned during the year, including Halloween, Advent, Christmas, Easter and Children's Day. The "Learning Focus" for each class is not only a presentation for Children's Day, but a focus on Christian learning which hopefully will help build and enhance the individual's faith journey.

OVERALL VIEW OF 4 YEAR OLDS THROUGH TEEN ISSUES

The Kindergarten class through 6th grade are taught their lessons with "Groups Hands-On Bible Curriculum". These materials are based on active learning; the same style of teaching Jesus used. This curriculum builds upon itself, reinforcing the important messages found in the Bible. Children will experience spiritual lessons and learn how they can be applied to their daily lives. We urge each family take time from their schedule to ask their child what they learned in Sunday School. It not only reinforces the importance of religion at home and strengthens the family, but it provides a learning opportunity for all.

4 YEAR OLDS

Parent of 4 year olds will have a choice of placing their child in the Nellie Prann Room for another year of constructive play or with the Kindergarten class to learn more Bible base stories. Please see Sybil Higgins if you have any questions regarding this age group.

Learning Focus: The Golden Rule

KINDERGARTEN

Organized games and activities will be part of the lesson for Kindergarten. Understanding Bible stories will be reinforced, social skills will be enhanced, and children's emotions will be incorporated into learning opportunities. Songs, dramatic play and readings are part of the curriculum.

Learning Focus: The Lord's Prayer

1st GRADE

First graders will participate in fun and memorable classes that emphasize one important point. Through organized games and activities, they will discover Bible stories and will remember their weekly class focus by using gizmos. They will also learn one of the most well-known passages of the Bible as we introduce them to the beloved words from John 3:16.

Learning Focus: John 3:16



2nd GRADE

The 2nd grade will have a more in-depth look into the Bible. Understanding Bible stories will be reinforced, social skills will be enhanced and children's emotions will be incorporated into learning opportunities. Weekly lessons that are fun and memorable, help them understand one important point which includes using gizmos. The children will learn from hands on play, drama and stories.

Learning Focus: Psalm 23

3rd GRADE

Along with their assigned Groups Hands-On curriculum, students in the 3rd Grade start to learn how to use the Bible as a reference. We encourage them with thought provoking questions and choices regarding learning activities. A more in-depth look into Bible stories will prepare them to earn their own Bible. Old and New Testament stories are used to strengthen the Christian faith.

Learning Focus: The Ten Commandments

Reception of Bibles: 3rd Grade veers off their regular curriculum for eight weeks as they complete lessons with "Learn Your Bible" in preparation for earning their own Bible on Children's Sunday in June. Preparation is done with their teachers and reviewed with our Minister. Letters are sent to parents explaining our views, expectations and the importance of regular attendance in the 3rd Grade. The Bibles are presented on Children's Sunday in June.

4th GRADE

The children continue to learn more about their Bibles, which they are expected to bring every Sunday. They also are challenged with thought provoking questions and learn how to make appropriate choices with Christian values. Along with their curriculum, this class will study the Seasons of the Church.

4th Grade Learning Focus: The Seasons of the Church

Fourth Grade Communion Classes: As part of their curriculum, 4th graders receive instruction related to issues surrounding Communion. Discussion also includes such topics as Seder Supper, the Sacraments of Baptism and Christian Symbols. These lessons are shared by their class teacher, the Deaconry, the Director of Christian Education and the Minister during the Season of Lent. Communion classes lead up to the children's First Communion at the Maundy Thursday evening Worship Service. After their First Communion, the 4th grade will be able to join the Youth Communion Service on the first Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall.



5th/6th GRADE

Children will explore God's will for their lives by starting to work on local mission projects. This class will also be presented with thought provoking questions and will look at how their Christian values influence their day to day activities. On the first Sunday of the month, this class will start with the Youth Communion Service in the Fellowship Hall at 9:55 a.m. followed by Sunday School classes.

5th Grade Learning Focus: The Beatitudes

6th Grade Learning Focus: Fruit of the Spirits

7th/8th GRADE

The students in this class discuss various topics relating their life to the teachings and understandings of our place in the world as Christians. The class will participate in many different projects including missions, sermons and developing skills on how daily situations can be handled in a Christian context. On the first Sunday of the month, this class will start with the Youth Communion Service in the Fellowship Hall at 9:55 a.m. followed by Sunday School classes.

7th Grade Learning Focus: Apostle's Creed

8th Grade Learning Focus: The Books of the Bible

TEEN ISSUES (GRADES 9-12)

This class meets every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in the Upper Room and focuses on current topics and issues facing teenagers today. They also work on mission projects and activities of their choice, which are decided upon and carried out as a group. On the first Sunday of the month, this class will start with the Youth Communion Service in the Fellowship Hall at 9:55 a.m. followed by Sunday School classes.

Learning Focus: Students will use critical thinking, problem solving, cooperation and physical activity by volunteering their time and talents to the Church.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation is the process of preparing high school youth for membership in our Church as an adult, as well as the completion of a process begun for many when they were baptized. As part of that promise made by their parents, children attend Sunday School and learn about God's presence. Confirmation gives young adults the opportunity to accept those promises for themselves. The Confirmand will also be developing a relationship with a *Mentor* - an adult from our church that you will be discussing religion and your place in the church in the months ahead. You may have a particular person that you would like to be your mentor during the year--or you may ask to be assigned one of our church members who is ready to serve as a mentor. This year's class, open to those in 9th grade and older, will be a chance for participants to not only learn about the Church they are a part of, but also to talk about the ideas and realities that will affect their entire lives. Classes start in September and parents, as well as mentors, are invited to the first meeting for an introduction session. We hope that all class members will make a commitment to attend every class and Teen Issues as well, so all the youth can develop a bond and get to know each other during the Confirmation year. In addition, a special outing is also planned. Confirmation will be held on May 27, 2012.

YOUTH GROUPS

Youth Groups are an opportunity for the youth of our community to enjoy a Christian social environment. We encourage all our youths in 4th through 12th grade to help plan, organize and participate in their group activities. Several social events and service projects will take place over the course of the year. Parents are welcome and encouraged to help with both their ideas and time. Keep up-to-date with activities on these groups by reading the monthly Messenger, Sunday Bulletin and by logging onto our web site at www.deepriverchurch.org. It is never too late to join us; all are welcome!

Sr. Pilgrim Fellowship ~ 9th - 12th grade

Jr. Pilgrim Fellowship ~ 7th - 8th grade

Joy Fellowship ~ 4th - 6th grade

MISSIONS

School Kit Collection: In conjunction with the Women's Fellowship and Church World Service, the Sunday School aids in the collection of blunt-tip scissors, erasers, pencils, pencil sharpeners, rulers and crayons that are assembled in school bags for children who are in need of school supplies. These kits are distributed throughout the United States and overseas. An item will be assigned in September to each grade level and we ask that you bring those items in during the collection period and place them in the donation station located in the office hallway.

UNICEF: The children are encouraged to Trick or Treat for UNICEF as they undertake their Halloween routine. The funds collected are forwarded to this worthy organization. In addition, though Halloween is not a Christian holiday, we feel that by putting a Christian emphasis on one of childhood's favorite days, we can help form a suitable view of this celebration. On the last Sunday in October, the children are invited to dress in "appropriate" costumes and gather in Fellowship Hall by 9:45 a.m. They will parade through the Sanctuary for a UNICEF program and then back to their classrooms for some Halloween goodies and the distribution of UNICEF boxes.

Heifer Project International: Every family in our Church is urged to participate in this yearly mission by taking an ark bank and guidelines for making contributions to this project, which promotes awareness to the needs of others around the world. The money collected helps provide animals for people to raise, so they will be more self-sufficient and less dependent on aid. A portion of the funds may also be kept locally, to help support the needs in our community. "Give a man a fish, he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime."

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Our Children's Sunday is the culmination of our Sunday School year, where the young people of our Church take on various roles in the Worship Service. Serving as greeters and ushers, offering prayers, devotionals and the sermon, they demonstrate their class focus and achievements for the year. Children's Sunday is held in June followed by our VBS Block Party to introduce our Vacation Bible School program.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is an extension of the BoCE's Church School program and is held from 9:00 a.m. - noon for one week during the summer. It is open to all children from age 4 through entering 5th grade at no cost to the families. The central theme focuses on activities, games, crafts and snacks. Guides assist the children in visiting specific sites hosted by our staff teachers. VBS culminates with a closing program on Friday evening when parents and guests are welcome to enjoy the accomplishments of the children.

LENT/PALM SUNDAY/MAUNDY THURSDAY/GOOD FRIDAY/EASTER

We offer many programs and services during the Season of Lent. Families are invited to the potluck suppers held on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. followed by short entertaining programs led by our Minister. On Palm Sunday, the children will receive Palms in their classrooms. Maundy Thursday is a special time in our church as the 4th Graders receive their First Communion in this meaningful service at 7:30 p.m. On Good Friday, we gather in the Fellowship Hall for a soup and bread dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary. Easter offers three services; Sunrise Service (please check website for location and time), a 9:00 a.m. Family Easter Service and a 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service. Sunday School is not held on Easter Sunday, so that families may enjoy the Worship Service together. All are encourage to join us at these services during this holy season.

ADVENT

At this special time of the year, the children participate during Sunday School in an Advent program to emphasize the importance of the season. It is also a time when families can join in a celebration with our Church on Advent Eve, hosted by the Deacons. After a potluck supper and an Advent craft, Baby Jesus is placed in the manger. There is also Christmas Carol singing in the Sanctuary before Worship every Sunday during Advent starting at 9:45 a.m.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our Christmas Pageant "Thy Light Is Come" has been presented every Christmas Eve since 1942. It was written by the former pastor of our Church, The Reverend Walter H. Euston. It is a reenactment of the birth of Jesus Christ. Children in the 6th grade through 12th grade play the roles of the cast, to include Mary, Joseph, The Prophet, Wisemen, Angels and Shepherds. The Cherubs are played by 4 year olds and Baby Jesus is portrayed by an infant. The presentations of the pageant are held in the Sanctuary of our Church on Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. If you have further questions see Candi Turner or Sybil Higgins.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

On the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day, DRCC holds a family worship service. The story of Good King Wenceslas is told by our Minister and acted out with the participation of the members of our congregation. No need to sign up in advance, just show up and participate in this fun family service! This is followed by the annual "aerobic version" of the Twelve Days of Christmas in the Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH MUSIC

Junior Bell Choir: Youth in 5th through 12th grade who have an interest in playing our wonderful bells, that we all love to hear, are encouraged to join the Jr. Bell Choir. Rehearsal is held before Sunday School class in the Bell Choir Room. You don't need to know how to read music in order to play, just come and have fun!!!! We perform at select Church services during the year. Contact Claudia Hardy, Jr. Bell Choir Director, at collector.drcc@snet.net.

Junior Choir: Youth in 2nd through 6th grade are encouraged to join our Jr. Choir! Rehearsal is after Church on Sunday, in the Sanctuary. We sing throughout the year on select Sundays and at the Christmas Pageant. It's lots of fun and we even wear choir robes! Contact Annetta Sekula, Church organist, after the service.

CANDLE LIGHTING

We encourage the children of the Sunday School to light the candles for the Church service. Any child in the second grade or older can volunteer. Please see one of the Jr. Deacons or the DCE to sign up for a week or two.

VOLUNTEERING

There are many ways parents can help out in our Sunday School and Youth Groups through volunteering. When you fill out your child's registration form, check the area that best describes your talents and interests. The DCE along with the BoCE fully support all our volunteers. Please see any one of them if you have interest in helping our Sunday School. Without volunteers, programs can't take place.

Sunday School Teacher: Consider giving two Sundays a month to the children of our church, from our infants to our teens. Remember we all need to be part of our children's Christian journey. We have some individuals who have been teaching our children for 15 & 20 years; think about teaching for one year. Curriculum and supplies are provided. Alternate week teaching is encouraged.

Room Partners: Room Partners are responsible for making sure that parents have signed up to be Class Aides, remind them of their dates they have signed up for and if per chance the aide can't make it, organizing a substitute. Room Parents also send "Miss You" cards to those children who have been absent for more than three weeks in a row. Postcards and stamps will be provided.

Class Aides: Throughout all levels of our Sunday School we need volunteers to be class aides in our classrooms. In order to obtain this coverage, all parents will be required to sign up for at least two Sundays during the Church year to be a Class Aide. We also encourage all members of our congregation to be involved in our Sunday School and volunteer for some Sundays in a class of your choice.

Vacation Bible School: VBS is a week long program in the summer that extends our Christian Education lessons through a fun-filled adventure curriculum. Let your imagination soar as you prepare your room and lessons for children ages 4 through entering 5th grade. Curriculum, supplies and snacks are provided.

Youth Groups: Consider being an advisor for one of our youth groups! This is very rewarding experience working with the youth of our church. As the advisor you coordinate community service, recreational and devotional activities for the youth with support from the BoCE, DCE and Youth and Family Ministries Director.

COMMUNITY COVENANT

At The First Congregational Church of Deep River,
we are a supportive and caring community
which comes together to grow in our understanding
of and commitment to a Christian life.

In that spirit, we agree to support one another
in our efforts to abide by our
Community Covenant to be:

Responsible
Respectful
Prepared
Safe
&
Kind

in all relations and interactions with others - classmates,
teachers, congregational members and visitors.



CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism, They learn to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, They learn to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule, They learn to be shy.

If a child lives with shame, They learn to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance, They learn to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement, They learn confidence.

If a child lives with praise, They learn to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness, They learn justice.

If a child lives with security, They learn to have faith.

If a child lives with approval, They learn to like themselves.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
They learn to find love in the world.



Sunday Scheduled Events for the Church Year 2011-2012

This schedule is a list of activities and meetings that take place during the Church year for our youth. Dates are subject to change; check the Messenger, Bulletin and the website for up-to-date information.

September

- 4 - Labor Day Weekend
- 11 - First day of Sunday School/Mission Fair
- 18 - School Kit Collection commences
- 25 - Confirmand/Parent/Mentor Orientation (11:30 a.m.)

October

- 2 - Youth Communion Service/Commissioning of Confirmation Class
- 9 - Homecoming Sunday
- 16 - School Kit Collection culminates/Bring a Friend to Church/Confirmation Class
- 23 - VIP Sunday
- 30 - UNICEF Sunday/Halloween Parade

November

- 6 - Youth Communion Service/Sunday School Food Challenge/Confirmation Class
- 13 - UNICEF Collections Due
- 20 - Thanksgiving Sunday/Confirmation Class
- 27 - *First Sunday of Advent*

December

- 4 - Youth Communion Service/Confirmation Class
- 11 - Las Posadas (afternoon)/Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (5:00 p.m.)
- 18 - Music Sunday/Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (5:00 p.m.)
- 25 - Christmas Day** - *No Sunday School Classes*

January

- 1 - New Year's Day** - *No Sunday School Classes*
- 8 - Hygiene & School Kit Collection commences
- 15 - Confirmation Class
- 22 - Teacher Forum
- 29 - Confirmation Class

February

- 5 - Youth Communion Service/Bring a Friend to Church/Confirmation Class
- 12 - Scout Sunday/VIP Sunday/Hygiene & School Kit Collection culminates
- 19 - Confirmation Class
- 26 - *First Sunday of Lent*/4th Grade Communion Class (Introduction)

March

- 4 - 4th Grade Communion Class (9:00 a.m.)/Youth Communion Service/Confirmation Class
- 11 - 4th Grade Communion Class (9:00 a.m.)
- 18 - 4th Grade Communion Class (9:00 a.m.)/Confirmation Class
- 25 - 4th Grade Communion Class (9:00 a.m.)

Sunday Scheduled Events for the Church Year 2011-2012 (cont'd)

April

- 1 - **Palm Sunday**/4th Grade Communion Class (culmination)/Youth Communion/Confirmation Class
- 8 - **Easter Sunday** - *No Sunday School classes*
- 15 - Confirmation Class
- 22 -
- 29 - Confirmation Class

May

- 6 - Youth Communion Service/Confirmation Class
- 13 - Mother's Day
- 20 - Confirmation Luncheon
- 27 - Memorial Day Weekend/Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation Sunday

June

- 3 - Rehearsal Sunday
- 10 - **Children's Sunday**/VBS Block Party
- 17 - **8:30 service begins**/Father's Day/Graduation Sunday
- 24 - 8:30 services continue through Labor Day weekend

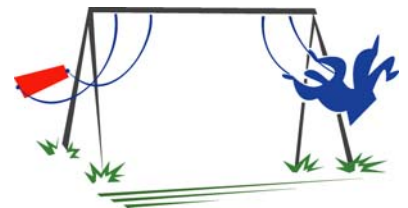
Sunday School classes for the Nellie Prann Room through 12th Grade are held every Sunday, except as noted. Youth Communion Services are held on the first Sunday of the month for Grades 5 through 12. Schedules for Sr. Pilgrim Fellowship, Jr. Pilgrim Fellowship, Joy Fellowship and Confirmation Classes are noted in the Messenger, Bulletin and website. The Nellie Prann Room follows the same schedule as Sunday School, unless additional coverage can be obtained for holidays and summer services.

For updates log onto: www.deepriverchurch.org.

PLAYGROUND NOTICE

The Board of Christian Education is asking that all children be supervised by an adult while on the playground that is located on our Church property. If you allow your children to use the playground during Fellowship hour, please accompany them outdoors to watch them while they play.

The playground belongs to The Church Street Child Care. Since it is unlocked most of the time to allow use by Child Care students, as well as Church members and their families, we are concerned about the potential liability if anyone is injured while using the playground. Having an adult present to oversee activity will be reassuring to us that the children will be safe. When they are finished using the playground, please make sure your children pick up any Sunday School material, paper cups or food. We also ask that the equipment be left in a tidy manner prior to leaving, so we can continue our privilege of using the playground during Church hours. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Youth Lay Ministers

Nellie Prann Room:	Lisa McNeely	Ruth Machold
Kindergarten:	Peggie Sypher	Jonathan Daley
1st Grade:	Donna Dione	Chelsea Chiappa
2nd Grade:	Jillian Hardy	Melissa Symonds
3rd Grade:	Stephen Tucker	Krista Carlson
	Christopher Bousquet	
4th Grade:	Heather Mudge	Kim Wollschleager
5th/6th Grade:	Gay Sherman Weintz	Cassie Stone
7th/8th Grade:	Amy Grillo	Bob Grillo
Teen Issues:	Nancy Peluso	Andrea Chiappa
	Ashley Campbell	

Director of Christian Education

Sybil Higgins

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Christmas Pageant Director

Candi Turner