

September 2011

WPC children

bringing faith home: a resource guide and calendar for the families of Westminster church



Group picture of this summer's Vacation Bible School. This was one of the opportunities our church's children had to grow in their faith and in their friendships. Many thanks to Christine Dunn, chair, and all others who helped.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 11 at 10am
Kindergartners receive worship books.

Sunday, September 18 at 9:45am
Third Graders receive their Bibles.

Saturday, September ?? at
POPS event at Klein home (see below)

Sunday, October 2 from 10-11am
Fire Drill for the Sunday School classes.

Sunday, October 30 at 5pm
Harvest Festival—wear your costumes and enjoy dinner, games and crafts around the theme of "Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown"

All events are held at WPC unless otherwise noted.

Parents Of Preschooler\$ (POPS)

On Saturday, September 24 at 4 all parents of young children are invited to Tom and Andrea Klein's home for dinner and fellowship. Children are welcome so bring the whole family, a side dish to share and a few lawn chairs. The Kleins live at 228 White Rd in Glenarm. They are easy to get to but you will want to google it. Call Andrea at 220-1577 for more information or to let them know you're coming.

ANIMAL UPDATE

Last year your Sunday School offering bought **18 RABBITS** for Heifer Project. Way to go! We have now begun the YEAR OF THE GOAT. Goats cost a lot of money—\$120 each—so bring your offering each week and watch our goat grow!

This Month In Sunday School:

Start at the Beginning with Genesis

Date	Scripture	Big Idea
September 4	Genesis 2—Adam and Eve	God trusts us with creation.
September 11	Genesis 27—Jacob Is Blessed	God claims each of us.

Service Ideas for Kids

—deepening your child's heart from an early age—

For 3-5 Year Olds: Make "Get Well" cards for church members in the hospital. Parents write the words and children draw pictures. Drop them at the church anytime and pastors will take them to the hospital.

For 6-9 Year Olds: At meals assign one child as the server: they put out the plates, pour the drinks, serve the rest of the family their dinner first. Then rotate to another family member at the next meal.

For 10-12 Year Olds: Give them the church's needed food items from the "Meal of the Month" during your next grocery trip. Drop items off at church anytime during September. This month's needs are: peanut butter, jelly, box of children's cereal, cans chunky mixed fruit, dish detergent.

Parent's Corner

It is always a good time to teach your children more about prayer. There are four basic kinds of prayers: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication (it spells ACTS if that helps your memory). These are just different types of conversations we can have with God. With your children you can describe them as **Wow** (adoration), **Oops** (confession), **Thanks** (thanksgiving), and **Please** (supplication) prayers. Focus on one type of prayer a night as you get used to it. You pray first and show them how. Say, "Let's talk to God tonight about all the things God does that make us say 'Wow.' I'll go first." There is no right or wrong way to pray. Begin (or add to) your child's prayers tonight and watch everyone's faith grow.

The Puzzle

Prayer of the Month

Sing this prayer with even your youngest child. They'll learn it within a dinner or 2!

[Sing to the tune "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"]

Thank you for the food we eat.

Thank you for the world so sweet.

Thank you for the birds that sing.

Thank you God for everything.
[Change the first line to "Thank you for the friends we meet" if you would rather sing this at bedtime.]

Genesis 12:1-9:13

The Challenge

Write the first letter of each item in the blank box below it. When you are done, you can read what Abraham learned about God.



The Super Challenge

On the blanks, write the letters from the numbered boxes to find a three-word message.

1	B	2	Y	3	4	5	6
		7	1	8	5		

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- Choristers** for 3rd-6th graders begins on Wed, Sept 7 at 4:45pm.
- Church Mice** for infants-4 year olds begins Sat, Sept 10 at 11am.
- Children's Choir** for K-2nd graders

Answers to the puzzle:
The Challenge—God will keep his promises; The Super Challenge—Obey God's Word

COLOR ME!



"God made the beast of the earth after his kind."
Genesis 1:25 (KJV)

Happy Birthday!

- Sept 5:
Lydia Pehlman is 10
 - Sept 8:
Lillian Ballantyne is 2
 - Sept 11:
Mia Silverman is 10
 - Sept 12:
Alina Vogler is 5
 - Sept 20:
Hank Deatty is 8
 - Sept 29:
Jessica Borland is 8
- Congratulations!**

Want to add a birthday or submit other info to the newsletter? Want to add yourself or a friend to our mailing list? No problem!
Just email Rev. Tasha Blackburn at tblackburn@wpcspi.org.