

Nurseries

Rock-a-Bye Babies and Waddler's Ministry provides opportunities for children to be loved and nurtured by trained childcare givers and volunteers. We offer a warm and safe atmosphere in our nursery for children to learn, live and grow in Christian faith from the moment of birth. Parents may watch their child's interaction through a one-way window in the hall.

Infant Nursery – Room 131 – for babies up to 24 months; open 8:30 – noon.

Toddler Nursery – Room 144 – for children ages two and three available during the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Both are served by professional staff, but members are encouraged to volunteer, especially on high attendance Sundays.

Children's Church

This is an age appropriate, interactive educational opportunity for children ages four through second grade to learn about and experience worship. The children attend the 11:00 service in the sanctuary with their families and are invited to Children's Church (guided by volunteers) in room 216 following the Word for Children.

The Point

The Point is First Presbyterian's Contemporary Youth Worship Service. Held in the chapel, the service is geared for youth third grades and up. The service features live music, interactive sermons and dramatic presentations designed to inspire worship of God in ways meaningful for youth. Participants leave worship in the sanctuary before the children's message around 11:15 a.m.

Lifeline

Lifeline youth ministry is offered to our youth currently enrolled in the 6th through 12th grades. We typically meet on Sunday afternoon or evening depending on what the event is for the day. Our program provides opportunities for spiritual growth, service, study, fun, and Christian fellowship. *Lifeline* ventures out into the community to do activities, mission trips, and retreats. Check out our Lifeline newsletter to get all the details. Questions? Call Caitlyn at 428-6332 x239; or e-mail at Caitlyn@firstpresvb.org.

Donuts and Dialogue

Please join members of your church family for a time of fellowship in the Atrium/Stanton Hall each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Exploring Faith

Christian Education Programs of First Presbyterian Church

Fall, 2011

The purpose of the Christian Education Committee is to build foundations of faith through current, visionary programs. The members of the committee are pleased to offer these programs in hopes that they cover issues and fulfill the needs of every member of the church. If you have suggestions, comments or wish to get involved, please call 428-6332.

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Sunday School 9:45-10:45

Sunday School for Children and Youth

Age two: Room 144

Teachers introduce children to biblical stories using music, simple crafts and play.

Ages three and four: Room 145

Caring teams of teacher use the *Rock Solid* curriculum to engage children with faith experiences that help them become lifelong disciples of Jesus. Abraham & Sarah, Isaac, Jacob & Esau, and Joseph are the main Bible characters children will encounter this fall.

Ages Kindergarten – 7th grade

Using *Power Express* rotational Sunday School lessons children and youth are divided into 4 traveling groups: K&1st, 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th, 6th & 7th. Groups will rotate to a different learning station each Sunday.

Music/Movement - room 228

Cooking lab – room 219

Bibliodrama – room 216

Arts & Crafts – room 213

September topic: Creation

October topic: Dig into the Bible

November topic: Beatitudes

*Children/youth will gather in the chapel at 9:45 and follow their adult shepherd to their assigned station.

Youth:

Confirmation: eighth graders or older who have not yet made a profession of faith to join the Church. Confirmation requires a period of study and reflection in one's faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Studies include Reformed tradition, Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the two-fold Love Commandment.

Senior High youth 9th – 12th grades meet upstairs in the manse and explore today's issues from a Biblical view using Rob Bell's *NOOMA* DVD series.

Adult Sunday School Options

Adult Bible Study Group: Room 214

This older adult group uses the *Present Word* curriculum to facilitate discussion centered on in-depth life experiences of class members. Tradition & Wisdom Scriptures from *Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Matthew* will be studied in the fall. Contact Ned Lowery for more information.

E.M. Hardy Men's Bible Class: Library (Room 210)

Men, of a variety of ages, engage in a traditional Bible study of The Old and New Testaments using the *Present Word* (same as above) curriculum. Contact Howard Jones for more information.

Journeys Class: Room 212

The Journeys class is a discussion class for adults of all ages and stages of life. Lessons are taught by class members and are based on the current study book. This fall, we will begin with *Journey through the Bible: Matthew*. Members are encouraged to read the chapter in the week before the lesson, but the discussions don't require that. All lessons are designed to be stand-alone, so a member who misses a week won't be lost when he or she returns. Books are available for loan or purchase (usually around \$10). Contact Ellen Nesbit for more information.

Bob Jones Class: Room 215

Class members share in the preparation and facilitation of an in-depth study of scriptures and the book, *Jesus through Middle Eastern Eyes*, by Ken Bailey. Questions are more important than answers in this thought provoking discussion oriented class. Gael Daugherty is the contact for class.

Women of Faith: Room 211

Members of this women's class will study women of the Bible through a variety of presentations: books, dramatic monologues, videos etc. The facilitators encourage questions and open discussions in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Discover why women of the Bible still inspire women of faith today. Want to chat? Contact Judy Voyer or Susan Cotten.

Paul Walters Class: 3502 Pacific - next door to the church, kitchen side

An in-depth discussion group led in turn by class members with weekly reading in advance. Students are engaged in an in-depth study of a book by Barbara Brown Taylor, *Bread of Angels*. Contact John Ellis for more information.

How Can I make a Difference Class: Stanton Hall

Couples & Singles are challenged by Max Lucado in his book and video series, *Out Live Your Life*. Through video, study, & discussions adults will discover ways early Christians made a difference in their world and how we can do likewise, today. Each lesson stands on its own so if your schedule is demanding drop in when you're here. Contact Jeff Nelson, facilitator, for information.