

DISCIPLESHIP Ministry



JUNY/JULY SUNDAY WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8:55 a.m. Contemporary Service
10:05 a.m. Sunday School for children and adults
11:15 a.m. Traditional Service
Child Care is available in the nursery during the 8:55 and 11:15 services, the Sunday School hour. Rising first graders and older are encouraged to worship with their parents. Worship bags are available in the back of the church for the children during worship.

The children's library is located in Room 109 and is self-checkout. There is a box in the back of the church for easy drop off of books. Children are encouraged to check out books to bring to with them to service.

ADULT CLASSES IN JUNE/JULY

Class: What's New In Youth Ministry? (June 6 only)
Location: Chapel
Leader: Debbie and Tyler McPhillips
Debbie and Tyler will share their experiences at the Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry that they attended on behalf of this church in April.

Class: Food and Faith
Location: Chapel
Leaders: Rev. Kim Wells and Rev. Sarina Meyer
Dates: Sundays, June 13 - August 22
Kim and Sarina have two big things in common: they are both ordained PC(USA) Ministers of Word and Sacrament, and they both love food! More specifically, they both have a passion for making food choices that allow us to care for God's creation and everything living in it. In this 10-week summer Sunday school course, adults and high school students are invited to join them for an in-depth journey through the Bible. Looking intensively at selected scriptures from Genesis through the New Testament, Kim and Sarina will explore the biblical understanding of our relationships with the earth, with animals, and with other human beings. How does Genesis describe what these relationships were originally like, and how was food part of that design? How did the Fall distort those relationships, and how does food in a fallen world continue to break down relationships? How is God redeeming our relationships, and how can we make food choices that support the renewal of the earth, the well being of animals, and reconciliation and justice in our human relationships? Come and find out! Following the course, class participants will use what they have learned to provide food and refreshments during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, August 29.

Summer Sunday School for Rising K- 8th Grade: God's Creation through the Workshop Rotation Model
Starting on June 13, children and youth through grade 8 will meet in Room 108 for an 8-week program on the story of God's creation. We will be using what's called a workshop rotation model, through which students will learn about God's creation through different learning mediums. For example, on one Sunday they will participate in a workshop that uses computers to teach the creation story. On subsequent Sundays, students will learn about God's creation through workshops such as dance, games, mission, nature, and science. After a six-week rotation through these different workshops, students will have studied God's creation through a variety of learning mediums, which draw on their varied learning styles, and which also allow them to see the topic from many perspectives. Our seventh Sunday will involve cooking a meal to share with the adult Sunday school class, and the eighth and final class on August 15 will be a "Last Sunday Funday"! We are still looking for teachers who can use their talents to help with our workshops. Do you have a special talent or interest in computers, dance, games, mission, nature, or science? Come join our workshop team! Contact Colleen Plitt at 296-7131 or cplitt@fpchurch.com for details. Thank you!

Fall Sunday School for First through 8th Grade
We will be continuing our use of the Workshop Rotation Model (see above) for children and youth through 8th grade this fall. Not only will this provide more learning variety for our children and youth, but it will also allow adults with a broad range of gifts and interests to join our teaching teams. For example, do you love to cook, dance, or draw? Do you have an interest in media production, archeological digs, or historical reenactment? This wonderful array of gifts and interests will now be able to be used in our Sunday school classrooms! The Discipleship Ministry Committee wants to know what your gifts and interests are. We will be putting people with similar skills and knowledge areas into different teams called "Theme Teams." These "Theme Teams" will each lead a workshop on a particular Bible story for a segment lasting approximately four weeks. Each Sunday, a different age group will come to the workshop - hence, the workshop rotation model! We are also looking for "Shepherds," who will stay with each age group and build relationships with them as they rotate from week to week through the different workshops, so that students will have a consistent relationship.

The Discipleship Ministry Committee would love to engage you in conversation about this Sunday school model. Stop by their table in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, or drop by the church library on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. on June 2, 9, or 16. Contact DMC chair Elaine Knight at 296-0413 or jeknight84@embarqmail.com and let her know if you are interested in being a Theme Team member or Shepherd!