

Children and Worship

Worship services at Grace UMC are always open to children. Worship is an opportunity for children to learn about God, the church, and what it means to be God's child. Music and the rituals of worship convey God's presence to children even before they are verbal. As they mature, we can learn much from children and their honest faith and sincere questions. Therefore, we encourage children to worship with their families.

Even so, since every child is unique in reaching the maturity level to sit through a worship service, we make nursery care available for children three years and younger. At 10:15 Sunday school classes are available for children two and older. The wiggle room outside the sanctuary (the mall) is also equipped with speakers where parent and child may go to hear the service if a child becomes uncomfortable or fussy.

Worship bags are available outside the sanctuary with soft or quiet activities suitable for the sanctuary.

Children and Communion

Children are always welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. We believe that participating in the Lord's Supper is a sacred experience that blesses and changes all who receive, even young children. Infants who are too young to receive Holy Communion receive a blessing by the pastor. No special classes or requirements are necessary to participate in Holy Communion.

Our Nursery

If you choose not to bring your infant or toddler to worship, the Grace UMC Nursery staff welcomes them with open and experienced arms, with no reservation required. They are trained in CPR and Child First Aid. The nursery is staffed during both worship services and the nursery room is located across from the sanctuary. Each child must be signed in and out by a parent and nametags verify the child, their diaper bag and their parent. Vibrating pagers are available to summon a parent should your child need you.

Children's Choir

The children's choir is called The SonShine Singers and is open to children K-5th grade. SonShine Singers present a musical for our special "birthday party for Jesus" during the Christmas season, a Spring musical, as well as perform at various worship services throughout the year. Contact the Director of Children's Ministries for current information about rehearsals.

Sunday School

Our church utilizes the Godly Play program to offer quality, energetic Sunday School classes at 10:10am. Classes are available for children 2 years old through 5th grade. Students have an opportunity to sing, give an offering, hear Bible stories, and participate in activities related to the story. No registration or reservations are required, and friends of students are always welcome.

Preschool classes are organized according to when the child will enter Kindergarten. All students are promoted to the next grade/age level in August (even if their birthday occurred mid-year).

Room Assignments

2- year olds-1st grade Children's Hall

2nd- 5th grade.....Children' Hall

Special Events & Activities

Wednesday Night Live for Kids begins with children's choir rehearsals from 5:30-6pm in the Sanctuary, followed by Bible study for Kinder-5th graders in Early Education Wing. Bible study runs from 6-8pm.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation Each Fall, all third grade students receive a Bible presented to them during worship. The students then have a strong focus on Bible use during Sunday school. To confirm that your 3rd grade student is on the church list, please contact the church office.

"Just for Girls" – a workshop for girls in 4th & 5th grade to learn more about the special way God created them. (Registrations to come)

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 1, from 12:30p – 2p.

Son Shine Singers Performance

"AmeriKids"

Wednesday, May 2 at 7:00pm

Scouting Grace UMC sponsors Brownie/Junior Girl Scout Troop #9713 which meets on alternate Thursdays. You may contact the church office for the name and phone number of the current Troop Leader.

Other events are held throughout the year that highlight or appeal to children and families. Please contact the church office to get on the mailing list, and watch the newsletter and weekly worship bulletins to keep up with all that's going on. We want your children to be involved to the level they are comfortable, and to have a positive experience while learning about God's love for them.

Baptismal Counseling

When considering baptism for your child, at least one parent should be an active member of Grace United Methodist Church. Parents who are seeking baptism for their children need to attend a baptism counseling session with the pastor. Contact the church office and set up an appointment for this two-hour session.

We welcome you and your children to God's Grace!



Kandi Tumlinson, our Director of Children's Ministries, will be happy to answer any questions you may have about children's programs. Contact Kandi at 242.3333 ext. 206 or by email at kanditumlinson@gmail.com.

Children's Ministries



Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

~Mark 10:14

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