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**1st UMC Children's Ministry.....
We Are In The Build Em
Up Business, Not The
Tear Em Down!**

OUR PURPOSE

The Children's Ministry at First United Methodist Church seeks to meet the needs of children who are infants through fifth graders and their families. We believe children are a gift from God and with this gift comes great opportunity and responsibility for the parents and our church. We offer many programs and activities that provide for the spiritual, emotional, mental, and social growth of your child.

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mornings

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship: 8:30 and
10:45

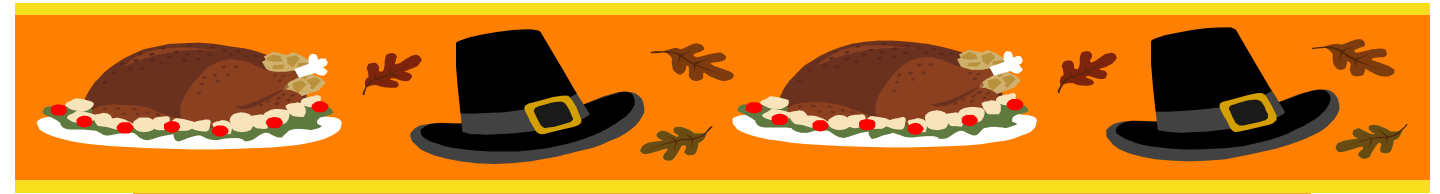
J.A.M. and Sunshine Kids are offered every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month (Communion Sunday) during the 10:45 Worship Service.

Wednesday Evenings

Dinners: 5:30

Choirs: 6:00-7:30

Children can play in the gym until 7:30.



1st Kidz News

Bring Back the Table



When the staff and I went to Kansas on our Continuing Ed trip the service we attended inspired me to bring that message home to our Children's Ministry here. It was called Welcome to the Table. Has your kitchen table

become a catch-all for stuff or a catch-up spot for you and your family? Is it just a *collection* point-or can it be a *connection* point?

During the months of November and December I am going to challenge all of our First Kidz families to bring back the table. When Jesus met with his friends, they often gathered around a table to break bread together-and just talk.

Make your kitchen or dining room table a place for your family and friends to gather and connect. Turn off the distractions, bring back the table and just talk. I will be providing all parents a "Menu" with some ideas for Table Conversation. Don't just gather together at Thanksgiving, let's make it a habit to give Thanks at least 3 times a week at the table together weekly.

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Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, November 2nd...Asbury Choir will sing and ring during worship
- Thursday and Friday November 20th/21st...PDO Thanksgiving
- Tuesday, November 25th CDC Thanksgiving in commons
- Wednesday, November 26th...No Choirs!
- Sunday, November 30th...1st Sunday in advent!

Annual Coat Drive

November 2nd will kick off our annual coat drive. We are asking that you clean out your closets and bring us any new or gently used coats, all types, all sizes. These can be children or adult sizes. Heavy

coats, light weight jackets, anything. We donate them all to the Caring Place here in Cleveland and there is such a need right here in our own hometown. You can set no better example for your children than by attending Church and giving to the

needy. Two things that are easy for us to do, as long as we make it a priority. The coat drive will go through December 31st.



Advent Season is upon us!

November 30th begins our Advent season. This is by far one of my favorite seasons of the year as we teach children and remind ourselves "to prepare" or "get ready" for the arrival of Jesus' birth. There are lots of opportunities for you to serve at church during this season and lots of great events and programs

we provide, but we cannot do these without you, our servants, helping us. Please prayerfully consider how you can help serve in our Children's ministry. It is important that your children see you serving and putting church as a priority in your life. I guarantee you will be blessed beyond measure by doing so.



Children's Team Leaders Needed

We are currently revamping the way we set up the ministry teams and committees of our church. With that said, I would like to have two teams of parents with Children in the Children's ministry to brainstorm ideas and ways we can reach

the community of our church members and enable them and members of our community that are unchurched to know the Love of Jesus Christ. I would like to have one team for preschoolers and nursery and one team for elementary aged

children. If you are interested in learning more about these teams, contact Jill Ingram for more information. With your creativity and God's direction, we can do AWESOME things in our Children's Ministry in the upcoming year.

Children's Church Newz

This month in Children's Church we will be learning about Joseph and his brothers and Thanksgiving. We will also begin teaching the children about the Advent season and preparing for



Christmas. Our Bible Verse for the month is "I know the plans I have in mind for you prepares the Lord."

Jeremiah 29:11. Our Wednesday night "Experiencing God" bible study will continue on through December. Your children are growing spiritually weekly. I praise God

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Breakfast with Santa Team needed

Our breakfast with Santa is always a big hit and great way to reach Children and their families in our church and in the community. This year I am asking for a small team— of 3 or 4 members to help me come up with ways to improve it and make it bigger and better than ever! If this sounds like something that interests you, contact the church office and we will get your creative juices flowing!

1st Kidz in Missions

November's Mission for our children this month is to collect Coats for the Caring Place. We will also be collecting canned foods on November 9th and November 16th and on December 13th at our Breakfast

with Santa. Look for a bingo night to come as we will invite children to visit a local nursing home and play bingo with the residence and spread the love of Jesus Christ!

