



Celebrating 175 years



*Foyer and Chapel Addition Connecting
Memorial Hall and the Church 1957*

July 2024 Newsletter



A Note From Our Pastor

Dear Siblings in Christ:

First, I want to thank you for the wonderful Installation Service and Reception Dinner. It was beautiful and all my friends commented on how truly welcomed they were made to feel. They also expressed their happiness that I was in such a warm and loving church family. They are definitely right about that. You have made me feel right at home and have shown me such support that I can believe I was actually thinking of retiring before I met you. Thanks again for such a lovely day, especially the wonderful bagpiper and Monica's inspiring words. Thank you to the choir, those who helped with the service and those who did the food. Thanks also for your acceptance of Scarlett and our therapy dog ministry. We are truly home.

For the past five months, I have kept pretty quiet while I listened, watched and familiarized myself with this church and congregation. One of the things that was stressed during the search process was that the church needed to change to meet the challenging cultural shifts that have occurred in our society and how we can adapt to meet these challenges for the ongoing future of our congregation. Face it. We adapt or die. No one wants to imagine a community without this church standing tall and actively sharing the message of Christ to all. We want to be here for the next 175 years.

With that in mind, we are about to embark on some changes to help bring us more up-to-date with the challenges we are facing. Two of them are new ministry launches and one is to make our church more inviting to families with younger children. They are:

Develop a Pray-Ground area in the back of the sanctuary where Toddlers Kindergarten can quietly play under their parents' supervision. This is in addition to our church nursery and Children's Church

Become a W.I.S.E. congregation. (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged) which promotes mental well-being and helps reduce the stigma related to mental health issues. Several members of our church leadership attended a webinar on this topic and you will be hearing more about this soon.

Develop a **Messy** Church program that meets once a month in Memorial Hall. Visit messychurchusa.org for more information.

This is a **LOT** to throw at you, I know, but I wouldn't do it if I didn't think you could handle it. Think of it as a baptism by fire. With faith we can move ahead. Future changes won't come so quickly or in bunches but we want to move quickly on two of these so we can have them in play by fall and the start of a new program year.

To help you understand more about these projects, and the thought process that went into them, you are invited to attend a "round-table" discussion group on Sunday, July 14th at 5:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall. If you have questions, or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me so we can talk in person. My door, my mind and my heart are always open to hearing from you. Let's keep the lines of communication flowing straightforward and not get caught up in triangulating our conversations.

Looking forward to living out our ministry in Christ's name, together.

Peace,

Pastor Debbie Jo

RECOMMENDED READING: Wanting to learn more about how the church can navigate the uncertain waters in a rapidly changing society? Check out, *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory* by Tod Bolsinger. It is available on Amazon and is highly recommended by Pastor Debbie Jo. The Church Board is undertaking a study of this book.

BECOMING W.I.S.E.: We have begun investigating how to become a WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged) congregation which promotes mental well-being and helps reduce the stigma related to mental health issues. Several members of our church leadership attended a webinar on this topic and you will be hearing more about this soon.

PRAY-GROUND is an area of the sanctuary dedicated for Toddler-Kindergarten aged children. Offering a Pray Ground is a statement to the entire congregation that we are making physical and spiritual space for families.

Children are part of the body of Christ. We shouldn't hide them. We should celebrate their presence. Even Jesus told his disciples that the children should be close to the action. Like all churches, we are after the elusive families with younger children who will become an active part of our church family. Our society's culture has shifted and many younger families do not

place priority on attending church for a number of reasons. Other activities vie for limited time. Perhaps the parent had a bad experience in church where they didn't feel welcome. They don't want to place their children in a situation where they will be shushed and made to feel unwelcomed or a bother to other adults. Parents today are highly unlikely to allow their young children out of their sight, especially when visiting a strange place.

For many children, it can seem their main task in church is to sit still and be quiet or leave the service for other activities. Pray-grounds are a response to this. Having a dedicated space in the sanctuary is one way for children to feel welcome and to know they belong and can participate in worship. Pray-grounds are often set up in front of church so the children can see what is happening.

For a four-year-old, the memory of church having great toys would actually translate well developmentally to a long-term understanding that church is a good and delightful place where they are welcome to come and be themselves. It also demonstrates to parents that their children are not only welcome but accepted, valued and treasured.

The sound of children in church is important, because it's a sign that we are fulfilling our baptismal promises. It's a sign that we're not dying. It's a sign that the Church will go on.

While many churches place their Pray-grounds in the front of the sanctuary, ours will be in the back due to the location of the piano/organ and the choir space. Removing two back pews on the pulpit side will give us adequate room for the Pray-ground and give the adults more room to congregate. Parents will be able to sit on the pew currently in the back to supervise their children. In case of a funeral or wedding, these items can easily be removed to another location until that event is complete. If more seating is needed, we can place the green, padded chairs in the space.

So, let's do this. Let's get children into worship, and make spaces that make it easy for them, and for the people who are caring for them, to stay with the body as much as possible. After all, Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

LET'S GET MESSY! The Christian Education Committee has been discussing the possibility of developing a **Messy Church** program here at St. John's. There are currently no Messy Churches in the Vincennes area. **Messy Church** is "**Church, but not as you know it**". If you have attended church for a long time, Messy Church may not look like church to you. At Messy Church, all ages meet together to learn about Christ through games, crafts and activities, music, and storytelling from the Bible. **Messy Church** is a *hands on church where all are welcome*. A foundational ingredient of Messy Church is to gather around a

table for a meal and build relationships with each other, God, and the world. This monthly event would be held on a weeknight and we are looking for members to form our Core Group who will oversee this program. If you would like to learn more about **Messy Church**, visit messychurchusa.org. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of the Core Group, please see Pastor Debbie Jo.

ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION with Pastor Debbie Jo on Sunday, July 14th at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come, hear more about the three projects we're planning as ways to "Canoe the Mountains" and move our church forward. Come find out more about the cultural shifts in our society and how we can meet them head-on instead of pretending they don't exist. Come learn more about creating better communication among our congregation and how YOU can help. Come ask questions, make suggestions, and listen to one another as we discern how God is calling us to be God's church.

DINNER & CONVERSATION

Everyone is invited to join us on Thursday evenings at 6:00 for *Dinner & Conversation*. Each week we visit a different restaurant and enjoy an evening of food and conversation. It's a great way to get to know our fellow church members better. A reservation sheet is in the back of the sanctuary each week or you can call the church office. We'd love to see you there. Our schedule is as follows:

	Restaurant
July 4 th	No meeting due to Independence Day
July 11 th	American Table Ray to call for reservations
July 18 th	Harry Lee's (Red Hills State Park) Brenda F to call for reservations
July 25 th	Co-Co's Brenda F to call for reservations
August 1 st	Ponderosa Bill L to call for reservations
August 8 th	Café Moonlight Sheri to call for reservations
August 15 th	Procopio's Brenda R to call for reservations
August 22 nd	Monocal's Pizza Ren to call for reservations
August 29 th	El Corral Arlene to call for reservations

ONLINE GIVING helps the church in so many ways. By signing up to have your contribution automatically withdrawn from your bank account and sent to the church on a regular basis, you help keep a continuous flow of income for the church to use in paying its bills and seeing that our missions continue without any shortfalls that sometimes happen. You also don't have to remember to bring your envelope or a check with you on Sunday mornings. You may sign up for online giving by going to the church website at myucc.org and following the contribution prompts. Thank you for your continued support of our church and its missions.

SCARLETT SPEAKS: I was so excited to walk behind the bagpiper at my mom's Installation. I love hearing the music of my people. I will be visiting at the Bridge Point Rehab Center next week and in July start visiting when my mom does her monthly communions. I miss seeing my peeps and look forward to making new friends. Did you know McDonald's has a "Grandma Mcflurry flavor? It has crunched up pieces of butterscotch candies. My mom let me have a taste. It's yummy!

175th ANNIVERSARY PARAMENTS were beautifully and lovingly made by Jerri Johanningsmeier to whom we are very grateful.

MOVIE NIGHT: *HEART AND SOULS* Friday, July 19th at 6 p.m. We will have popcorn and possibly food. Watch the bulletin for more details. Rated PG-13 (for some sensuality but no nudity; a few curse words)

Starring Robert Downey, Jr., Kyra Sedwick, Tom Sizemore, Charles Grodin, Alfrie Woodard & Elisabeth Shue. *The story of four souls who needed a body and one guy who needed some soul.*

In 1959, in San Francisco, the telephone operator Penny Washington leaves her three children to work in her night shift. The shy singer Harrison Winslow is afraid of the stage and quits his audition. The waitress Julia is proposed to by her boyfriend and she does not accept; then she regrets and leaves her job to seek him out. The smalltime thief Milo Peck tries to retrieve a collection of stamps that he had stolen from a boy. They embark in a bus and the driver Hal is distracted while driving and has a serious accident, and driver and passengers die. Meanwhile, Frank Reilly is driving his pregnant wife Eva Reilly to the hospital. Their vehicle collides with the bus, but Eva delivers her baby in the car. The souls of the four passengers become the guardian angels and the invisible friends of the boy Thomas Reilly. Seven years later, Penny, Julia, Harrison and Milo conclude that they are harming the boy and they decide to become invisible to him. Thirty+ years later, Hal returns with his bus to take the four and the

quartet learns that they had all those years to resolve the issues of their lives. They ask Hal to stall and give some more time for them to resolve their unfinished lives. They decide to come back to Thomas, who is now a tough businessman and indecisive in his relationship with girlfriend Anne, and ask him to help them to resolve their issues and become free souls.

FREE PIANO: The church is offering the piano currently in the Sonshine Room to anyone wishing to remove it. If interested, please contact the church office.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY: Check out the brightly painted Little Library in the parking lot. We invite you to fill it with books you've finished so others may enjoy them as well. Children's books are especially welcome since we are hoping to reach the neighborhood kids during the summer months. Feel free to take a book as you like. You may return it if you wish or keep it as your own.

CEREAL DROP is coming on September 8th. Bring in a box or two of cereal and watch them fall like dominos on Rally Day!



Exciting News!!! The Preschool is getting a make-over. We have devised a 3-year plan to update and upgrade the preschool classroom.

Painting has begun to freshen up the walls. New flooring and matching carpet squares are in the works for a portion of the room. Matching flooring in both restrooms.

Brand new tables and chairs purchases by two donations from the memorial fund will give our preschoolers lunch tables that will be sitting all together. Thank you to Bill Lathrop for the memorial funds for his late wife Gene and to Brenda Roark for the memorial funds for her late husband Dannie. We are forever grateful for their support of the preschool program.

We are under-construction over the summer but stop by to see the progress! We are hoping to have everything freshened up before school starts August 12.

Next summer, we are looking to replace cabinets and other furniture in the classroom.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who has help during our construction!!



Church Board Highlights June 2024

The May minutes and Treasurer's report were reviewed and approved.

Joys & Concerns – Prayers for Pastor Debbie Jo's brother-in-law who is in hospice; prayers for the friends and family of the little girl that drown in the Wabash River; prayers for the family and friends of the family of Noah Strange who passed away in a train/car accident and for the two other children with him who were hospitalized; continued prayers for Charlie Klein and for Carol Graham; the church picnic was well attended with fun for all; the Father's Day fellowship time was wonderful, as was the Men's Group that provided special music during the service; and Pastor Debbie Jo read a thank you to the Church for her installation.

Committee Report Highlights

Christian Education: Holiday World outing will be July 2nd. Vacation Bible School theme is "The Power to Empower" and will be held during each Sunday morning during the month of August. Children's handbell choir will be the special music on June 30th. Supported Pastor Debbie Jo's request to have a "Children's Play-ground" in the back of the Church during worship services. Pastor Debbie Jo will take the information to the Church Board. Also supported Pastor Debbie Jo's suggestion for the formation of a "Messy Church" once a month in Memorial Hall. Pastor Debbie Jo will also take this proposal to the Church Board. Both of these suggestions were discussed in length under New Business and more information will be forthcoming about these two projects.

Preschool: Improvements are being made to the Preschool room. They have picked out new tables and chairs and the new flooring. Painting is being done by church volunteers.

Evangelism & Membership: Thank you to Jerri Johanningsmeier for scheduling greeters. The Little Library is outside and ready for donations. . Supported Pastor Debbie Jo's request to have a "children's pray-ground" in the back of the Church during worship services. Pastor Debbie Jo will take the information to the Church Board. Also supported Pastor Debbie Jo's suggestion for the formation of a "Messy Church" once a month in Memorial Hall

Outreach and Benevolence: The following benevolent recommendations were made to the Church Board for approval and were unanimously approved:

OCWM	\$1,000
LAM	\$ 500
Phoebe's	\$1,000
Friends of Special Athletes	\$ 500
Backpacks	\$ 500
KETA	\$ 500
Salvation Army	\$1,000
Higher Bound	\$1,000
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$ 500
Total Recommendation:	\$6,500

New Business: The *prayer-ground* recommendation was discussed. This would require the removal of the last two pews on the pulpit side of the sanctuary and set up a pray-ground which would include a Duplo building table, a wooden train table with accessories, and a child-size table for coloring, puzzles or reading. This area is recommended for toddlers thru first grade. All of this would be able to be easily removed in the event of funerals, weddings or special event. This recommendation was passed unanimously by the Board.

The suggestion of Messy Church once a month was also discussed. It was decided that we needed a little more time to understand this and was tabled under the next meeting. Pastor Debbie Jo is going to prepare something for the newsletter and bulletins concerning Messy Church and the children's pray-ground.

Complete Church Board minutes and Treasurer's report are available after approval at the next month's board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 and the next meeting will be July 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Betsy Marchino, Church Board Secretary

July

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 BABE Store 12-5:30 p.m. Evangelism & Membership 6:30 pm	2 KFC & Youth Holiday World Trip Leave Church Parking Lot 9:45 am	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 Phoebe's Mission 4:30-6pm	6
7 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30 Children's Church	8 BABE Store 12-5:30 p.m.	9	10	11 Technology Comm 10am American Table 6pm	12	13 CFM Lemonade Challenge 10-2 pm
Youth In town mission week!						
14 Sunday School 9:15 Fellowship 10am Worship 10:30 Children's Church Round Table Discussion Group 5pm	15 BABE Store 12-5:30 p.m. Worship 6pm Church Board 7pm	16 BABE Board Meeting 6pm	17 BABE Volunteers Meeting 1pm	18 Dinner at Harry Lee's Redhill St. Prk.	19 Movie Night 6pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20
21 Sunday School 9:15 Old Fashion Sing Along/ Ice Cream Social Worship 10:30 Children's Church	22 BABE Store 12-5:30 p.m.	23	24	25 Dinner at COCO's 6 pm	26	27
28 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30 Children's Church	29 BABE Store 12-5:30 p.m.	30	31 Laundry Love 6-8 pm			



The **POWER** to *Empower*:



Investigating God's World

VBS 2024



Vacation Bible School will once again be held during Sunday mornings in August (4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th), 9:15 through 11:30. Our theme this year is **“The Power to Empower”**. God gives us the resources we need to encourage and support others in their daily lives. We strive to grow His love not only in ourselves but also our neighbors. What are you empowered to do?

The VBS schedule is as follows:

9:15 - 9:30 Welcome and Opening (Sonshine Room)

9:30 - 10:00 Demonstration/hands on activity, experiment showing God's Power (SR)

10:00 - 10:25 Snacks and fellowship for all. (Memorial Hall)

10:30 - 10:45 Worship Service and Children's Message (sanctuary)

10:45 - 11:30 Children's Church (Upstairs blue room) Crafts/games/songs

Our Sunday School hour will focus on science demonstrations of God's power in action in the Sonshine Room. All are invited to join us for the demonstrations. Bible passages and relevance will be shared during the Children's message. Children's Church time will include crafts, games, and songs. On August 25, there will be a VBS sharing time during worship service.

VBS is for children and youth of any age. The youth are encouraged to participate and may also help with smaller children if they choose to do so.

Interested in helping? Have questions? Contact Jill Lopez by text or call, 812-887-3182.

We hope to see you there!

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, September 8 ***Sunday School Kick off

- Breakfast for all served from 9:15 - 10:20

- Fourth Grade Bible Presentation during worship service

July, August, September

Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming Events

July

- 7/4 Watch the Independence Day parade from St. John's parking lot
7/7
7/14 We welcome Vera Mattingly's special performance today.
7/21 Old Fashioned Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social today. Special music by Larry Marchino.
7/28 Enjoy Jonathan Clark's special music today.

August

- 8/4 Worship Service with Communion
Vacation Bible School starts today at 9:15 am. Children can enjoy VBS with stories, crafts, snacks and singing. Adults can pick them up after worship at 11:30 am.

Stop by our Gratitude Tree located in Memorial Hall and add a leaf by writing what you are grateful for. Help us fill the tree with colorful leaves by showing how grateful you are each Sunday you come to church.
8/11 VBS 9:15 - 11:30 am. Special music by our Ladies Group today.
8/18 VBS 9:15 - 11:30 am. Special music by Austin Glover.
8/25 VBS 9:15 - 11:30 am. Special music by Jonathan Clark today.

September

- 9/1 Make sure you spend some time looking at all the anniversary decorations set up during the month of September. Besides our special archive table, historic memorabilia is displayed in the church sanctuary, windows and Memorial Hall during the Celebration luncheon. Thanks to everyone who sent in pictures!
9/8 Join us for a Rally Day Breakfast before Sunday School this morning! Starting at 9:30 am today.
9/15 Celebrate St. John's Anniversary with a special Worship Service today. We will have many guests, special music, and our children will be singing as we share the blessings of 175 years of St. John's. Then join us as we gather with friends and family to enjoy a wonderful dinner and fellowship as we end our anniversary celebration.



Celebrating 175 years

Remember, Renew, Rejoice

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



July Birthdays

Joanna Laughary
Santee Covey
Carole Culp
Grant Deckard
Cora Schlag
Korbin Alexander
Bill Henry
Chrissy Lange
Amy Schotter
Ren Simmons
Elyse Schotter
Elliott Schotter
Vernon Houchins
Emily Newell
Donna Gerhardt
Jay Cole
Tyler Watts
Luke Jones
Nancy Stultz
Brad Summers
Bruce Deckard
Bennett Cummings
Pam Summers
Mark Welte
Janet Daniels
Amy Tooley

July Anniversaries

David & Carole Culp
Tom & Becky Nowaskie
Darwin & Beth Lindsey
Adam & Amy Schotter
Brayton & Allison Cummins
Eric & Cheryl Meyer
Patrick & Sara Schutz
Mark & Aimee Cummings
Ren & Lynne Simmons
Nate & Andrea Williams
Sean & Sara Marie Wirth
Jim & Elaine Workman
Lonny & Jana Vieck
Don & Shirley Black
Jeremy & Natasha Coomes
Dan & Connie Coulter



OLD FASHIONED HYMN SING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, July 21, 2024
10:30 am

Enjoy Lunch and
I Hart Ice Cream
After Hymn Sing

Everyone
Invited!



2024 is St. John's 175 Anniversary! The celebration committee is requesting the following from everyone: **Pictures of:** Weddings, Baptisms, Choirs, Youth Groups, Sunday School Parties, VBS, Christmas Programs or any other Special Events that were at St. John's! A box will be placed in Memorial Hall....please put your pictures (in one of the large envelopes we have provided and write your name on them to be returned) If possible, tell us who is in the picture and/or year it was taken. We will make copies of your pictures and return the originals to you asap! We want to use them for several events we are planning during next year. **OR** if you have pictures on your phone, please send them via email to me at sheri.stodghill@crawfordmh.org

Help us celebrate St. John's with the wonderful memories we've made throughout the years!

Informational Survey Results

We had 18 completed surveys with the following results:

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

- _3_ I prefer daytime meeting
- _3_ I prefer nighttime meeting
- _6_ Either

I prefer Bible studies on:

- _6_ Individual Book of the Bible
- _6_ The Bible as a Whole
- _7_ Biblical History
- 12_ What Does the Bible *Really* Say
- 11_ What *Doesn't* the Bible Say
- ___ Other: Overtly misinterpreted passages (1);
the disciples after Christ's Ascension (1)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

I would be interested in:

- 10 Book Club
- 13 Movie Nights at Church
- _9_ Women's Fellowship
- _4_ Men's Fellowship
- _1_ Parenting Group
- _1_ Parents & Young Children Group
- _5_ Intergenerational Activities
- _5_ Attend Sporting Events
- 12_ Attend Theatrical Events
- 11_ Travel Opportunities
- Suggestions: ___ eating out (1)
- Eating out more (1)

All-dependent on project or subject of interest (1)

- _3_ Crafting Activities
 - Quilting (1)
 - Crocheting (1)
 - Prayer Shawls (1)
 - Painting w/water balloons (1)
- _11_ Service Opportunities
 - Work trip (1)
 - Intergenerational Mission Trip (1)
 - Yard work for those unable (1)
 - Meet at Pole (1)
 - Prayer on Steps (1)
 - Neighborhood (1)
 - Field trips to community
 - Special events (1)
 - Game night (1)
 - Transportation for those unable
 - To drive, not only for Church but other places

We will be using this information to develop programming for the fall and beyond. Check out our July movie night announcement elsewhere.

If you didn't fill out a survey, they are still available in the church office.

PRAYER REQUEST ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Continuing Prayer Requests: Bruce Deckard, Gary Meyer, Don Osborne, Jr., Family of Carole Klein, Family of Franklyn Schroeder. For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying, let's include all in our prayers.**
- Please keep Ren Simmons and their family in your prayers; his aunt, Wilma Wright, from Michigan, passed away in June..
- Please keep pastor Debbie, and her family in your prayers. Her brother-in-law, Loui Prada, has been put on hospice.
- Please pray for Carol Graham 's son-in-law, James Fane. He is in a hospital and on a ventilator in Pensacola, FL
- Please keep Dasny and Mitchel in your Mitchell's deployment has been extended! He was supposed to be back around August 9th now it's extended until September 12th at the earliest. Possibly longer. She is due on September 11th.
- Please continue to pray for Vern Houchins as he recovers.
- Continued prayers for Ellen Riggs as she recovers from an incident that had her hospitalized. Also keeping her husband, John, and daughter, Nancy in your prayers.

Norma Meyer, Colonial Assisted Living, - Room 142, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Susie Milligan, Colonial Assisted Living, - Room 118, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Leona Conway, Willow Manor, - Room 73B, request correspondence be sent to 2009 Forbes Rd. Vincennes IN

Marge Beamon, The Villages at Oak Ridge, -1694 Troy Rd. Washington, IN 47501

Home

Bruce Deckard

Gary Meyer

Ellen Riggs

Michael Lankford

Gayle Huffer

If you have a caregiving need such as a hospital stay, a visit or desire communion, please contact the church office, Janet Goodman (chairman of Caregivers) or any caregiver listed below. We would appreciate your help and want to make sure everyone is blessed by St. John's when you need it! **St. John's UCC Caregivers**- Ed and Brenda Cummings, Cindy Deckard, Connie and Dan Coulter, Peggy Meyer, Ray Pieper, Terry and Janet Goodman, Lonny Vieck, Larry and Betsy Marchino.



KFC (grades 3-6) and Youth (grades 7-12th)

Tuesday, July 2 @ 9:45am

Each of the St. John's participants is asked to pay \$25 for tickets. Friends and family are welcome to come but need to pay \$35 for tickets. Please provide each child \$20-\$25 for food at the park (average combo meal at park is \$10-\$14) and a stop on the way back for supper. **Please note the park is cashless so anything purchased at Holiday World will be on a card. The children will have opportunity to put cash on a "ReadyCARD" which can be used at the park and anywhere in the United States where credit cards are accepted.**

Please RSVP for the activity by signing up on the bulletin board by the nursery or texting Will (812-887-5303) by June 30, so the tickets can be purchased.

The money can be turned in on the day of the activity. A new medical information form will need to be on file for all the children going on the trip.

The forms are located on the bulletin board by the nursery and the on Facebook group. If there are any questions, please let me know!

The group will have an opportunity to watch 400 LED-lit drones take to the Holiday World & Splashin' Safari sky for a unique, drone, and fireworks spectacle! This one-of-a-kind, 15-minute spectacle celebrates Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween, and the Fourth of July animated light displays. The group can decide if they want to stay to watch the drone show...its worth it. If the group stays, we would get back at 11:30pm but if we leave before the show the group will return at 10:30pm.



The Children and Family Ministry will have an in-town mission week from July 8-12. This year there will be many new opportunities and some of the same activities during the week. The group will help different nonprofits/outreach programs in Knox County throughout the week. Each day is designed for all ages/grades to enjoy the event.

The Children and Family Ministry group will be a part of the Lemonade Challenge for Knox County on Saturday, July 13th by the parking lot from 10-2pm to support the Isaiah House. Please let Will know if your family can help with the lemonade challenge.



MEROM CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Merom Camp and Retreat Center offers several camp programs throughout the summer. Each camp offers a unique experience to suit every kind of camper of all ages and backgrounds! Please reach out to Will Meyer or Rev Debbie Jo about more information and an opportunity for a camp scholarship.

Summer Dates

CAMP	AGES	DATES	PRICE
Faith Journeys	Genesis: 3rd-6th Grades Jr. High: 7th-9th Grades Sr. High 10th-Current Yr. Grads	Jun. 10 - 15	\$300
Pathfinders	1st and 2nd Grades	June 12 - 15	\$150
Backstage Pass	9th - Current Year Grads	Jun. 19 - 23	\$150
Creative Spirit	6th - Current Year Grads	Jun. 23 - 29	\$300
Just, You, and Me Kid	Campers: 4 yrs. old and up Adults: 21+	July 10 -13	\$150
All Ages	3rd Grade - Current Grad	July 14 - 20	\$300

VISIT MEROM.ORG TO REGISTER FOR MEROM PROGRAMS!

Submit 1 form per camper, you can pay in full or in payments! Registration is due 1 week prior to the camp start date (for planning). Please include name of camp and camper's name with registration.

LATE REGISTRATIONS WELCOME, PLEASE CALL AHEAD!



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