

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

Please take the time to visit the different Sunday school classrooms on Sunday and take a look at the attendance chains. Every Sunday, each child adds a link to his or her attendance chain, and it is a visual reminder of how their faith grows every time they come to church.

You can still get an attendance award, even if you've missed **up to 3** Sundays. Also, if you're out of town for whatever reason and can't come to church, go to church wherever you are and bring me a bulletin as proof that you went, and that absence will not count against your total. If you have any questions about the attendance awards, call (782-3972) or email me (dce@auburnmethodist.org).

This month, we will continue with the sixth unit of our brand new curriculum for children age 3 up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade that is based on the "Workshop Rotation Model." In this method, one Bible story or theme is the focus of 4 or 5 weeks, and each Sunday, children "rotate" to a "workshop" where they discover the story using a different medium. Our sixth unit, "**Journey to the Cross**," focuses on the story of Lent. Each age group will experience workshops in art, music, storytelling/drama, cooking, games, and Godly Play in the course of these four weeks, all reinforcing the story theme.

3/1	<b>UNIT 6 - LENT: JOURNEY TO THE CROSS</b>	
3/8		
3/15		
3/22		
3/29		Lenten Mission Project Workday
4/5		Presentation Preparation Day

It is always appropriate to express gratitude for the church members who step forward to help with our Christian Education program. Is it possible that you have felt called to this important ministry? Please contact me, and we can talk about it! I am available to meet with anyone; simply contact me and we can set up an appointment. I have both mornings and evenings available. Feel free to call me (782-3972) or e-mail me (dce@auburnmethodist.org) with questions, concerns, or to share ideas!

Thank you,

**Ms. Kary**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Every Sunday, the children will come into church with their parents; please feel free to select the age appropriate Children's Worship Bulletin for your child, available as you enter the sanctuary. The bulletins have activities that center on a scripture reading from the day's worship service. After the Moments with the Children, they will go out for their Sunday School classes. Please don't forget your offering when you go out to Sunday School! We will continue to have families celebrate Holy Communion together on the first Sunday of the month, attending Sunday School classes after the conclusion of communion. Claire Cote directs our Children's Choir, and practices with the children starting at 11:00am.

Our Lenten Mission Project this year is focusing on ministries close to home. We will be helping the High Street food pantry, the Trinity Soup kitchen, and the Good Shepherd Food Bank. All of these organizations help people in our community; take this opportunity to talk with your child about these missions. We will continue with our tradition of passing out coin banks in which the children can drop spare change throughout the season of Lent, to be collected on Palm Sunday (April 5). In addition, we will have a workday during Sunday School on March 29, where the children will learn more about the food pantry, soup kitchen, and food bank, and have an opportunity to participate in the mission project in a "hands-on" way. We will give the children a list of the items we will need for this and collect them throughout Lent; stay tuned for details.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU!**

We are grateful to these individuals who made a full year commitment to our Sunday School program:

**3 -5 year olds:** Simone Morin, Kathie Phillips, Patti Stone

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders:** Cindy Bragdon\*, Marci Ellingwood\*

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Graders:** Betty Young

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders:** Nancy Kenneally

**Confirmation Preparation (7<sup>th</sup> & up):** Kary Coffin

**Nursery:** Shelly Mogul, Susan Simpson

\*Part-time

Many thanks as well to our **Lost and Found** unit 5 rotation workshop teachers (2/1-2/22):

**Art:** Beth Woodhead

**Cooking:** Nicole Pendexter

**Games:** Wendy Mitchell

**Godly Play:** Kay Little and Dana Little

**Drama:** Betty Dexter

We are still in need of volunteers for our Sunday School program to serve as rotation workshop teachers for the remaining months of the year. The Education Committee and I will be recruiting throughout the year for individuals willing to make a 4 Sunday commitment to teach in one specific area, such as art, music, cooking, games, Godly Play, and storytelling/drama. **Perhaps you could volunteer in your child or grandchild's classroom?** Offer a specific gift to our program, teaching one lesson for 4-6 Sundays that is age-level adjusted for each particular class, relating to the theme of the rotation. Curriculum is provided with a variety of activities to choose from, and if you would like to take a look, it is available for your perusal. We are recruiting workshop teachers per 4-6 week unit, so sign up quickly to secure the most convenient times for your schedule. **UNIT 5: PAUL: WHO CAN BE A CHRISTIAN will take place April 19-May 10, and UNIT 6: HOW THE BIBLE CAME TO BE will take place May 17-June 7.** Do you have a talent in one of the following workshop areas: **art, music, cooking, games, or storytelling/drama, or** are you interested in being a storyteller or a doorkeeper for **Godly Play**? Please prayerfully consider helping out by signing up for one or two units on the big board in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Kary Coffin (782-3972, [dce@auburnmethodist.org](mailto:dce@auburnmethodist.org)).

Or, would you like to volunteer in other ways, such as substituting for a group leader or for a workshop teacher, working in the nursery, or helping to decorate or get supplies for the program? Please contact me (782-3972, [dce@auburnmethodist.org](mailto:dce@auburnmethodist.org)); **there is a place for you.**

### **YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS**

**7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders:** Come and join us for our Youth Group meeting this month, taking place on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church of Auburn and March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the High Street Congregational Church at 6:00pm.

**4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders:** The Junior Youth Group will be eating and meeting March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup> after church. Please join us!

**CAN YOU DONATE WRAPPED EASTER CANDY???:** All the colorful plastic Easter eggs which have been donated are going to be filled with wrapped candy for our children to enjoy on Easter Sunday and we need your help. Please bring in individually wrapped candy (smaller candies would be best, such as sweet tarts, sour patch kids, laffy taffy, swedish fish, tootsie rolls, smarties, candy eggs, m&ms, skittles, or jelly beans) and place it in the donation box over by the sign-up table in the reception area. Contact Kary Coffin at 782-3972 or e-mail [dce@auburnmethodist.org](mailto:dce@auburnmethodist.org) with questions; and thank you so much for all your help!