

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

A note from Tanya

"Now get up. Stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you to serve me and be my witness. You will tell others that you have seen me today. You will also tell them that I will show myself to you again." ~Acts 26:16

These were Jesus' words to the apostle Paul when he appeared to him on the road to Damascus. I believe that these words speak to us today as we continue to move away from the Mystery of Easter, into "kingdom tide" or "ordinary time," and into the busyness brought about by the end of the school year, and the upcoming summer months. Although we may be tired as we reflect on another successful year, and although we may be looking forward to vacation, rest, Sabbath, and renewal, scripture reminds us that our work is not yet done.

When Jesus appeared to the disciples following his death and resurrection he proclaimed: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). The disciples had just concluded their ministry of serving with Jesus, traveling from town to town, feeding the hungry, serving the poor, and I can imagine that many of them were looking forward to rest and relaxation as they went back to their boats and their fishing nets.

However, Christ's call reminded them- they were not yet done. The message to Paul was similar: appointed to serve, Paul was called to "tell others" what he had seen.

Just like the disciples, just like Paul, we are called to serve, to teach, and to share Christ's story with others. Jesus teaches us that Sabbath is important and that continued service is important. We are called to find a balance in our lives as we strive to respond faithfully to Christ's invitation. As you seek this balance, I invite you to be in prayer as to how you can continue to serve God's children. Listed below are numerous opportunities for you to respond to Christ's call to serve. I also invite you to prayerfully consider people you know that have the gifts to fill these service opportunities. Together we are making a difference in the lives of our children. Your continual service gives the children at our church a wonderful gift- the knowledge, understanding, and experience of Christ's love, grace, and hope. My prayer is that you will continue to be I ministry to our children and that you will help lead others into this amazing opportunity to serve.



Tanya Eustace
Associate Pastor

Exciting Changes Coming to TUMC Fall 2009

The children's ministry staff, Children's Sunday School Committee, and Children's Sunday School Task force are excited to announce that starting Fall 2009 Tarrytown will be moving to one hour of Sunday school in order to provide our children and youth an opportunity to attend Sunday school and worship with each other and their families.

We will offer Children's Sunday school for 3's (by Sept 1st, 2009) to 5th grade at 9:30 only. Children in the 3's and 4's classrooms will continue working with Godly Play, Kinder-4th will continue using Rock Solid curriculum, and 5th grade will either continue to use the Tweens curriculum or will be engaging in Curriculum written by Rev. Tanya Eustace.

This is an exciting time. The Sunday School Committee will keep you updated as we prepare for this new schedule.

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TUMC Children need your help

Recruitment for summer and fall has begun and the children's ministry staff needs your help. We are in prayerful search for loving, devoted, and excited leaders in the following areas:

- VBS crew leaders
- Summer Sunday School Teachers
- Preteen Camp- As a church we are required to send two adults for every ten children that attend camp from our congregation.
- 2009/2010 Sunday School Teachers- This is an important time as we transition into one hour of Sunday School. We need you to help us make this an awesome year for our kids.

Interested in volunteering? Contact: Rev. Tanya Eustace, tanya@tarrytownumc.org, 472-3111.

Summer Sunday School

Experiencing and Discovering God through sacrament, song, and prayer

The summer camp experience begins June 7th- This year the 3's and 4's will be combined and will experience God through curriculum written by Rev. Tanya Eustace.

The Kinder-5th graders will be learning how they can experience God through the Power Express Rotational Sunday School Program.

Be on the look out for more information coming to your mailboxes very soon.

Children's Ministry Events

May 18 - VBS Workday, 9:30-12:00
Please rsvp to Lauren (Lauren@tarrytownumc.org) for childcare prior to Mon May 11th.

May 24 - Combined Sunday School (3's-5th grade) in Fellowship Hall

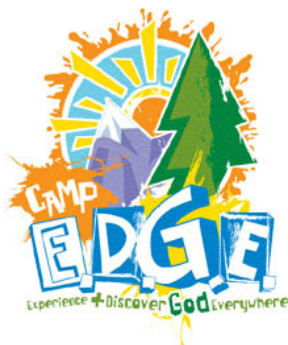
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June 9 - VBS Workday, 9:30-12:00
Please rsvp to Lauren (Lauren@tarrytownumc.org) for childcare prior to Mon June 1st.

June 29 - VBS Workday, 9:30-12:00
Please rsvp to Lauren (Lauren@tarrytownumc.org) for childcare prior to Mon June 22nd.

July 9-12 - Austin District Pre-teen Camp
3rd-5th graders make plans to join me, Pastor Tanya, at Mt. Wesley for 4 days of fun as we experience God's presence in our lives. You can visit www.umcad.org for more details and registration forms. You don't want to miss this amazing opportunity- space is filling up fast, make sure you send those registration forms in.

July 19 - Camp EDGE- VBS Celebration Sunday. Children will celebrate their week at VBS in the 9:30 and 11:00 Services. WE will conclude this worship experience with a community meal.



July 13-17 Camp EDGE- VBS

Children 4yrs-5th grade are invited to head out on an exciting Camp VBS Adventure.

Through stories, music, crafts, and games children will learn how they can Experience and Discover God Everywhere! Space is quickly filling up, please be sure to turn in those registration forms.

