

Prospect United Methodist Church

EDUCATION 2009

FEBRUARY

Dave Kelly will begin the Adult Bible Study Group Sunday, April 26, 2009 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Church parlor. "Following Jesus - Steps to a Passionate Faith" is a twelve week curriculum. The group will meet bimonthly, every 2nd and 4th Sunday.

Offering envelopes have been distributed to our Sunday School Students.

Our work area member Eleanor Flower-Riker will be promoting summer camp. Eleanor has attended and taught at many camps and will be encouraging new youth involvement.

Eleanor would also like to have a summer vacation Bible school. Volunteers will be needed to carry out this idea. Any interest should be directed to Eleanor. 860.584.9890 or wimpress@hotmail.com

Events for our families with young children are being discussed. Possibly a family game night or a movie night to encourage fellowship and build close, lasting relationships between our members. Our "Saturday Morning Angels" group has been meeting and is going well and we now need more opportunities for our PreK through 4th Grade families.

Shrove Dinner family involvement is important. Sunday, February 22, a one room Sunday School will be held for our students to make masks and hats and become excited about attending.

Bible storybooks will be purchased for our 1st Grade students.

MYF met for a movie night. MYF's next meeting is Sunday, February 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. We plan to go bowling.

MAY

The Saturday Morning Angel Group is meeting at the Federal Hill Park at the present time.

Adult Bible Study Group has met and we have approximately 7 individuals attending. It is a small but very interested group. We are excited to have a friend of a Church member attending. The group meets every 2nd and 4th Sundays at 4 p.m. in the parlor.

Sunday School -

- There are approximately 3 families that are visiting our Nursery on Sunday mornings.
- Three new students have joined our Sunday School program.
- Last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 31.
- Summer Sunday School will begin on June 7 with our trip to the "Southwick Zoo" in Mendon, Massachusetts.
- Sunday, June 14 will be Scholarship Sunday and Summer Sunday School will begin. The children will leave after the Lord's Prayer unless otherwise announced. In addition to learning more about Jesus, we will be making mosaics that will take numerous Sundays to finish.

Vacation Bible School is tentatively scheduled for August 10 - 14, 2009 from 9 to noon. Eleanor Riker 860-584-9890 or wimpress@hotmail.com is coordinating this very exciting and worthwhile service. Volunteers and interest is needed.

The Education Work Area is prepared to organize coffee hour in the month of July.

JUNE

Sunday School officially ended on June 7 with our field trip to the "Southwick Zoo" in Massachusetts. The weather was beautiful and 48 individuals participated. Two neighborhood children came with us. One family expressed an interest in part of such a "unbelievable" Church. Ride tickets were purchased with the funds raised from our ice cream social. Some of our children rode on elephants and camels for the very first time! We thank Jeff Paulette for organizing the event and Laura Taylor who photographed the fun. We thank the Roberts Fund for our transportation. On that day, family donations helped defer the cost of the snacks and drinks that were enjoyed on the ride and for the bus driver's gratuity. Our "Power Pennies" pizza party completed our wonderful day! Our church family made this such a wonderful experience.

Summer Sunday School will begin on June 14. Children should be dismissed after Children's Time and will attend a one room classroom. If there are no teacher volunteers available for a particular Sunday, we will make an announcement one week prior.

Eleanor Riker is still planning VBS for the week of August 10th. There is a possibility that the time may be changed to evening. Any interest should be directed to Eleanor.

Adult Bible Study is taking place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 4 p.m. in the parlor.

MYF wants to host a district wide event for this fall. We want to involve ourselves with other MYF groups to promote involvement. Watch for an MYF fundraiser early in the fall to raise funds for activities. MYF understands the importance of group service projects for the community. Some of our children have ideas for independent projects.

Looking ahead to next spring, Education would like to organize "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny". Some members on our committee have been involved with other groups who hosted such a project and believe it can be a great fund-raising and community event.

AUGUST

Registration forms and letters, welcoming our families back to Sunday School, will be sent out during the week for August 17th.

Rally Day is set for Sunday, September 13, 2009. Our committee has decided to celebrate the beginning of our Sunday School year with a Balloon Release in the upper parking. After the Children's Time, the children will fill the balloons and attach notes to the balloons. These notes will have messages about Jesus. Good Will messages or Bible verses, ect. We would like this to be a fund raising event as well. These notes will be available for purchase by the congregation for \$0.50 starting on August 31. The congregation will be asked to come to the upper parking lot to see the hundreds of balloons released. We will then have some sweet treats for everyone to enjoy. Flyers will be passed out to the neighborhood and community organizations. The newspaper will be contacted. We have taken the proper steps to ensure that the project is safe for the environment.

Our teachers are approving their curriculum and it will be ordered as soon as their decisions are made.