

Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful turn out for the “Back to School Bash”; over twenty students participated. I think the kids had a great time socializing, playing board and bible games. Can’t wait to expand on this event next year. Also, your children are doing a fantastic job encouraging the Chain of Thankfulness! It has grown so much and I’m excited to see how far it can grow by the Fall Festival on Oct 31st.

We have enclosed and painted the storage shelves in the loft and have all posters and décor ready to be hung. Hoping to get this hung next weekend. The last thing needed is lettering (Alliance Children & Youth) on the wall. If you know anyone who is artistic and willing to help, please let me know. Thank You!

We have had discussions on an upcoming class for the 4th, 5th, & 6th grade ages. This is still coming! Thank You for your patience. We have hit a few bumps in the road in opening the class but I’m going to do everything I can to get it rolled out in October. Tracy and I have a large group that is between ages 9 and 14. So we have thought that instead of Ave 456 we might make this more of a transition class. We would study within all age-appropriate bible topics, stories, or workbooks that both older children and younger youth can attend. This does not mean your child falls out of Children’s Church into Youth or out of Youth into Children’s Church. Its purpose is to fill a gap that Children’s and Youth are having for additional learning classes as well as the large number of students between these ages. We will start with a six-week lesson (TBD) as a trial run to see how this class will flourish. When it becomes successful, we will try to get it opened more than just one Sunday a month. We plan to let these tweens and youth decide what they would like their class and group to be called. I pray that we can even take this class to the next level with maybe even some yearly Tween/Youth events. I will be keeping all parents within these age groups posted for the upcoming roll out date. Also, if you are Ministry Safe and/or would like to be, please check in with me. We could use a few more ministers/volunteers for this class.

In addition to this new class rollout, we are currently offering Children’s Church Worship and Music once a month. Mrs. Laura, our music leader, has graciously offered to also start a Children’s Choir. This class will take place once, maybe twice a month after 11:00 service on Sundays. So, we may have children

bring their sack lunch and then stay for choir until 1:15 maybe 1:30. We are asking that you encourage your child to participate but also, we are requesting that your child have a strong interest in learning how to sing and worship the Lord in music before entering the class. I will be sending out additional information on this once all details have been worked through. Thank You! Please also give a big Thank You to Laura Crain & Crystal Townsend who will be running these practices.

We do have a mission this month other than the Chain of Thankfulness. We are teaming up with Youth as well as the Youth at UM Saginaw to collect shoe boxes filled for Operation Christmas Child Ministries. Some suggestions: shoes, socks, crayons, t-shirts, color books, toys, selfcare items, etc. The last day to drop off your donation for this ministry is on Oct 31st during the Fall Festival.

Thank You to everyone who has brought a book to help support the start of the Children's Church library. We have a good start but can always use more donations. So, if you have any slightly used or new books you would like to bring that would be wonderful. I'm hoping to have a good selection and have the library rolling by November. We will have some fun reading contests or challenges in place as extra encouragement for the kiddos on their biblical reading. I will keep everyone posted once this rolls out.

The Fall Festival is coming up within this month and some of you may know that Jenny and I are planning and building the team for this event. We need a few things if anyone is interested in helping. We could use some bake goods for the bake sale, some Sunday School classes to maybe donate a basket of goodies or gift cards for the silent auction, and then also a few hands to help with carnival games. Any help you could offer is greatly appreciated and sign-up sheets are in Children's Church Classroom. Thank You!

Please see below for more details on upcoming events and the happenings over the next few months in Children's Church. Please also watch for additional emails and Church newsletter posts for dates, time changes, and/or additional events and classes.

Also, remember we are running Faith Works every other Wednesday night during Wednesday night service from 6:30 to 7:30. We are currently studying the "Glow" curriculum on shining God's light. We hope to see you there. Thank You!

Children's Sunday School

9:30 A.M. every Sunday (Meet in classroom)

Children's Church

11:00 A.M. every Sunday (Meet in sanctuary)

Faith Works (may meet in FLC, Classroom, or Loft)

6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. – Every other Wednesday night

Oct 6th

Oct 20th

Nov 3rd

Nov 17th

Fall Festival & "One Service"

Oct 31st

"One Service" at 10:30 A.M.

Lunch starts 11:45 A.M. after service

Festival will take place from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Softball game starts at 1:15 P.M

Chrismon Service

Nov 28th- Time (TBD) I will keep you posted.

Memory Verses (Studying Worship)

- Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Psalm 150:6
- God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.
John 4:24
- Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1
Chronicles 16:34

- My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long. Psalm 71:8
- For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11:36

My blessing and prayers for my AUMC Children and church family below.

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord”. Psalm 27:14

In Christ,

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