



TRI-CON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES SEPTEMBER 2009

From the desk of...

"Happy Church School New Year 2009!"

September 13th marks the first day of a new year of Church School! And while we might not see confetti fly, champagne bubble or the Times Square glittery ball drop we can still make customary resolutions... Church School resolutions that is.

I have helped you get started with age-appropriate lists below (including one for parents). With the help of our curriculum your child should be able to fulfill these Church School goals by June. Consider sitting down with your child and talking about what they can look forward to learning this year and even better, ask them if they would like to add a resolution or two of their own!

Pre-School and Kindergarten Resolutions

1. Talk about three stories in the Bible. 2. Share three things that God does in our lives. 3. Name three things that a child of God does. 4. Describe three parts of the church. 5. Name three ways to help your family.

1st and 2nd Grade Resolutions

1. Talk about three different kinds of people in the Bible. 2. Give three reasons why God sent Jesus. 3. Say the Ten Commandments. 4. Describe three ways to make a difference in the church. 5. Pray for another person.

3rd and 4th Grade Resolutions

1. Use the Bible in three different ways. 2. Understand the significance of creeds. 3. Do something to help a neighbor. 4. Describe three church celebrations. 5. Tell why it is important to belong to a community.

5th and 6th Grade Resolutions

1. (5th grade) Tell about three people who challenged God. (6th grade) Name three people who, by their actions, inspire others to live a life of faith. 2. Say how God is with us when change happens. 3. Describe three ways to face conflict. 4. Describe three teachings of the church. 5. Say the Beatitudes.

7th and 8th Grade Resolutions

1. Name three people who, by their actions, inspire others to live a life of faith. 2. Participate in two different mission projects. 3. Describe the two UCC sacraments. 4. Explain the difference between the Old and New Testaments. 5. Describe two world religions and how they are similar and different from our own.

Parents' Resolutions

1. Encourage children to participate in the life of the church. 2. Set aside a time on Sunday to talk about what happened in Church School. 3. Pray with your children. 4. Participate as a family in one mission project. 5. Be a good Christian role model.

Cheers!

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 8th

Liaison Meeting		7:00PM
CE Committee Meeting	8:30PM	

Sunday, September 13th

First Day of Church School	10:00AM
Dedicate Fall Volunteers	10:00AM

Monday, September 14th

Teacher Orientation w/special guest Elisa Pearmain	7:00PM
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Sunday, September 20th

Church School	10:00AM
Teacher Training Workshop	11:15AM

Sunday, September 27th

Church School	10:00AM
Middle School Parent Planning Meeting	11:15AM

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Teacher Training Orientation Monday, September 14th, 7 - 8:45PM

*With special guest, award winning author and storyteller,
Elisa Pearmain...*



Please make it a priority to attend our Teacher Training Orientation. Elisa Pearmain will be presenting a special "one-time-only" interactive workshop on integrating storytelling into the curriculum and classroom culture...a must have teaching skill. Knowing and applying the basics of storytelling will strengthen your stories which will be remembered long after you share

them. And kids love a good story!

During the evening attendees will also break into teaching teams to review fall curriculum and new classroom information that you'll need before teaching.

Special 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Fall Curriculum Inspired Lives: Real People, Real Heroes

During Church School this fall, this combined class will explore individuals who have or are devoting their lives to helping others and who, through their actions, teach us how to live out our lives as Christians. What inspired them to choose their path in life? We will look at everyone from Nobel Peace Prize winners to perhaps a next door neighbor who raised money for charity. The class will then create a music drama reflecting this theme.



We are very fortunate to have Rene Pfister who, with support from the Church School teachers, will be leading this innovative and fun Middle School program. Rene is a Berklee College of Music graduate and has acted, composed music and directed shows for over 15 years, both nationally and internationally, often working with youth. There will be a variety of roles available in the music drama, such as acting, scriptwriting, and creating props and costumes, and, considering time commitment and interest, everyone will find a position that works for them.

All of their hard work will lead up to a performance that is not to be missed. Mark December 6th on your family's calendar!

Middle School Youth Group Parent Meeting Sunday, September 27th, 11:15AM



Apple picking? Hiking? Service projects? Swimming party? What are some of your ideas? We would like to continue our Middle School Youth Groups this year. If you are the parent of a Middle Schooler, this meeting is your opportunity to meet with other parents to plan fun and meaningful Youth Group events. These events will depend on and be sponsored by the

Middle School parent community so please join us on the 27th. Let's put together a great Youth Group program! We will meet in the New Parlor following worship. Don't forget to bring your calendar!

TRI-CON CHURCH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

It is our mission to intentionally provide to all of the children in our Church School program the following:

Provide our children with a foundation in Christian education such as learning the stories of the Bible, the history of Christianity and what it means to be a UCC member, and the components of worship.

Provide our children with many opportunities to participate in our church community and programs outside our community.

Provide a safe, caring and nurturing environment with other children and adults.

Teach our children the important faith traits such as generosity, responsibility, courage, joy, stewardship and humility so that they will include and apply them to their daily lives.



Church School Offering Envelopes

In addition to the giving of their time and talents, (Heifer Fair, the Unicef Cake Walk and cooking meals for the homeless) our kids have the opportunity to have their own offering envelopes for collection during worship time in class. Their donations will support three M's of our church....Ministry, Mortar and Mission. If you would like a box of offering envelopes for your child, please contact Carrie O'Brien.



CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

To date we have received about 85% of our registration forms. Thank you! All of these children have been formally enrolled in their Church School classes and parent participation requests were assigned as indicated.

Functioning as a cooperative program requires support from all registered families. So, if you have not yet submitted your family's registration form (or if you have but not yet decided where you'd like to help out) there are still opportunities available to support programming.

2009 - 2010 Church School Teachers

Typically every class each session relies on a team of four teachers to share teaching responsibilities. Each Sunday two teachers work together to prepare the lesson and teach the class. Considering that each session runs about nine Sundays, most can expect to teach either four or five times. The teaching team status is indicated next to each session. (Full means we have enough teachers for that session, a number means we are short that many teachers for that session.)

Pre-Kindergarten: Fall (full), Winter (full), Spring (full)

Fall: Hunter Hutchinson, Kelvev Woodman, Beth Knauss, Kristi Detweiler; **Winter:** Jeff Weil, Byron and Monica Woodman, Shannon Johnston; **Spring:** Shirley Huettig, Leslie Feigh, Lauren Huyett, Trish Siefer

Kindergarten: Fall (1), Winter (full), Spring (3)

Fall: Susan Ledoux, Travis Snell, Dawn Rennert; **Winter:** Rick Olney, Susie Winstanley, Lisa Turkington, Kim Mara; **Spring:** Kristin Piper

1st Grade: Fall (2), Winter (full), Spring (1)

Fall: Jen Waldron, Jen Kamionek; **Winter:** Anne Lehmann, Heidi Harring, Beth Quirk, Trish Siefer; **Spring:** Melissa McMorrow, Scott Harmon, Hilary Steinert

2nd Grade: Fall (2), Winter (2), Spring (3)

Fall: Hilary Robinson, Randy Upham; **Winter:** Kristi Detweiler, Chrissy Honan; **Spring:** Hunter Hutchinson

3rd Grade: Fall (full), Winter (full), Spring (2)

Fall: Hilary Steinert, Tracy Hoaglund, Amy Pasley, Trish Siefer; **Winter:** Jennifer Clarke, Polly Meyer, Jen and Eric Waldron; **Spring:** Anne Lehmann, Susie Winstanley

4th Grade: Fall (full), Winter (1), Spring (full)

Fall: Diana Kolstad, Jeff Weil, Melissa McMorrow, Heidi Harring; **Winter:** Scott Harmon, Amanda Hickman, Ruth and Tom Piper; **Spring:** Ruth and Tom Piper, Pam Nelson, Jeff Weil, Nick Bruning, Hilary Steinert



5th Grade: Fall (1), Winter (full), Spring (2)

Fall: Michele Forinash, Laura Marshall, Marcia Ackley; **Winter:** Hunter Hutchinson, Carolyn Stein, Ellen Mushlitz, Sarah Hart; **Spring:** Leslie Amodei, Martha Talbot

6th Grade: Fall (full), Winter (1), Spring (1)

Fall: Otto Judicke, Amy Bruning, Sue Fulshaw, Leslie Mahoney; **Winter:** Jen Hart, David Honan, Amy Pasley; **Spring:** Otto Judicke, Sue Fulshaw, Amanda Hickman

7th/8th Grade: Fall (full), Winter (full), Spring (full)

Fall: Dale Ryder, Betsy Veidenheimer, Scott Harmon; **Winter:** Suzanne Giles, Diana Kolstad, Sue Fulshaw, Marcia Ackley; **Spring:** Carla Gomez, Laura Marshall, Michele Forinash, Heidi Harring

2009 -2010 Program Support

2009 - 2010 Liaisons: Pre-K: Sandy Freund; Kindergarten: Polly Meyer; 2nd Grade: Hunter Hutchinson; 3rd Grade: Anne Lehmann; 4th Grade: Diana Kolstad; 5th Grade: Laura Marshall; 7th Grade: Marcia Ackley; 8th Grade: Lori Boisvert; Middle School Curriculum: Nancy DiRomualdo

One Room Schoolhouse: October 11th: *need four volunteers*; November 29th: Claire Wilcox, Joan Rosazza, *need three volunteers*; January 17th: Lisa and Fred Turkington and Gerald Quirk; February 21st: Lisa Turkington and Shannon Johnston, *need one more volunteer*; April 27th: *need three volunteers*.

UNICEF Cake Walk: Tracy Hoaglund, Kristin Bain and Sarah Hart

Angel Breakfast: Lisa Turkington, Polly Meyer, Dawn Rennert and Trish Siefer

3rd/4th Grade Christmas Pageant: Susie Winstanley, Pam Nelson, Hilary Robinson, *need one more volunteer*.

5th - 8th Grade Christmas Pageant: Sue Fulshaw, Hunter Hutchinson, Hayley Barnes, *need one more volunteer*.

Easter Egg Hunt: Dave Brauneegg

Middle School Youth Events: Dale Ryder, Sue Fulshaw, Leslie and Paul Mahoney, Jen Hart, Tracy Hoaglund, Dave Wester, Suzanne and Fabian Fondriest.

Thank you Hank and Bob!



Our Resource Room has a whole new look along with plenty of space for storing all of our Church School materials, books, tapes, games, activities, bins and folders! That room has never looked so organized! Many thanks to Hank Haff for designing and building our shelving and storage units and Bob Clarke for all of his wonderful assistance!

Happy September Birthday Wishes to...



Maxwell Boyle
Margaux Hunt
Ainsley Siefer
Graham Robinson
Emma Mahoney

Tyler Kamionek
Caroline Harmon
Nathan Hoaglund
Ella Waldron

George Howes
David Rennert
Meredith Ackley