



TRI-CON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES JANUARY 2012

From the desk of...

In our house, and I know many of you are in the same boat, it can be difficult to carve out family time, especially considering everyone's busy schedules ... sports, homework, music lessons, naps, business meetings, etc. And let's face it ... we are also competing against a media-saturated culture.



Take a deep breath. January is a great time to start anew, making family time a priority, whether you spend it around the table, in front of a game, on a nature walk, or relaxing in front of a fire.

Being together also offers a great opportunity to share and talk about thoughts on God, religion, the Bible. Doing this helps us to grow closer to God as a family. And it doesn't mean that parents should know everything. You can get a lot of mileage out of exploring answers together. Keep a Bible handy for reference.

While there are hundreds of questions you can toss around, here are a few to get you started ...

- What do you think heaven will be like?
- What is the most amazing blessing you have been given?
- What does actions speak louder than words mean? Give an example.
- What does the expression, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth", mean? Do you agree with this? (Matthew 5:39)
- If you lived in Biblical times, what kind of job would you like to have? Why?
- If God was a color what color would He be? Why?
- How can people tell you are a Christian?

Welcome 2012. Cheers to new beginnings!

Carrie

January

Sunday, January 1st

Special Family Worship 10:00AM

Tuesday, January 3rd

Liaison Meeting 7:00PM
CE Committee Meeting 8:15PM

Sunday, January 8th

Church School 10:00AM
SEEKERS Meeting 11:15AM

Sunday, January 15th

Social Justice One Room Schoolhouse 10:00AM
Childcare available for children up to age five

Sunday, January 22nd

Church School 10:00AM
SEEKERS Pre-Trip Mandatory Meeting 11:15AM

Friday, January 27th - Sunday, January 29th

SEEKERS Mission Trip to Portland, Maine

Sunday, January 29th

Church School 10:00AM

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Family Worship Sunday, January 1st

Start 2012 with a special service of worship for all ages. Thanks to our own talented Todd Fulshaw, we shall focus on "hands" as shaping, molding, blessing, and giving expression to the lives we lead before God. As we turn the calendar to a new year, the service will provide occasion to let go of "the past" even as we embrace "the new." Worship will conclude in the parish hall with a creative opportunity for all to add their "hands" to a collage. Wear comfortable clothes.



"Social Justice" One Room Schoolhouse Sunday, January 15th



Our own music committee is leading this special One Room Schoolhouse on, you guessed it ... music, specifically music surrounding social justice. We will be learning such songs as "Where Have All the Flowers Gone" and "We Shall

Overcome". This program is age appropriate for Kindergartners through 4th Graders. Older children should join their families in the sanctuary. Younger children are welcome in the nursery where we will have special activities.

Happy January Birthday Wishes to...!



Peter Mushlitz	Cooper Meyer	Courtney Piper
Teagan Piper	Christian Meyer	Philip Stokes
Nicholas Avakian	Charlie Kessler	Susannah Snell
	August Ehrlich	

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.



SEEKERS Meeting Sunday, January 22nd - 11:15 - 12:30PM

This is a mandatory meeting for those SEEKERS participating in our Portland trip. We will be learning who is in our care group, confirming travel plans, tying together last minute details, and reviewing expectations and behaviors. Bring \$5 for a pizza lunch.

SEEKERS Portland, Maine Mission Trip Friday, January 27th - Sunday, January 29th

We are off!!! Can't wait to share our experiences with our friends, family, and our church!!