

Good Samaritan School is a member of the National Association of Episcopal Schools and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. This Christian pre-school and kindergarten meets weekday mornings and afternoons, serving 2-1/2 to 6 year-olds. There is also an extended-day noon lunch program. Parent support and education programs are under development.

A modest tuition is charged. Scholarships are available based on need. Early registration is advised as the school is generally full and has a waiting list. *For information, please contact Jane Edson, School Director at 758-1255.*

Activities for Youth are available throughout the year for those in high school. The young people are invited to participate in events that incorporate any or all of fellowship, service, and worship. Sometimes events will be collaborative with a Journey to Adulthood lesson; however, others in this age group are always welcome. Notices for events will primarily be by email, but also available in the monthly newsletter.

Contact: Deacon Peggy Bernhard

Activities for Children outside of Sunday School will be available throughout the year for those up through 8th grade. The events will primarily be social in nature, and will allow the children to gather in faith filled fellowship. Events will be publicized in the bulletin and newsletter.

Contact: Andrea Taylor

Opportunities to assist in worship are plentiful for young people at Good Samaritan:

Acolyte Program - Those who have been baptized and are able to carry a torch and sit through the service may be eligible to be an acolyte. Training is provided and children serve approximately once a month.

Contact: Jan Hedberg, Acolyte Master

Lectors in Training - Those who have clear, loud reading voices may have the gifts to begin training as a lector.

Contact: Deacon Peggy Bernhard

Ushers in Training - Those capable of helping to carry the food basket may wish to learn about becoming an usher. They would greet people, hand out bulletins and help as needed. Training is provided.

Contacts: Bob Bernhard and Jim Wohlwend

For information about how to reach the contacts listed in this brochure, or if you have any questions please call the church office!



Children & Youth Christian Education and Formation

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At

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To develop a cohesive lifelong strategy for Christian education and formation through the training of Christians of all ages for ministries in the world.

Sunday School Classes for age three through senior year in high school are offered after the 9 a.m. service, from approximately 10:20 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

This year we will be making use of the *Episcopal Children's Curriculum* for those **age 3 through fifth grade**, a program that combines study of Scripture and Church traditions. In the first of a three-year cycle, the children will be concentrating on the full meaning of Baptism through lessons from the Old Testament, the New Testament and the practices of the church. In later years, we will study the Eucharist and Worship. Lessons are taught through storytelling, creating, exploring, inquiring and imagining.

On the first Sunday of the month, we gather for the first 20 minutes of class time to have a music program, led by Bill Gazeley. This year there will be an emphasis on different musical instruments, youth participation and leadership and always the wonderful songs the children enjoy. Parents are welcome to attend.

Students in the **sixth through eighth grades** will be introduced to the Rite-13 program. Rite-13 helps to prepare them for the Journey to Adulthood.

For youth in **high school**, we continue the Journey to Adulthood program. It is a program that balances Bible study, prayer and both serious and playful activities that help to nurture the youth as they move from childhood to adulthood. As they begin to appreciate the responsibilities of being adult, they are reminded of the ever-present love and mercy of God.

To help prepare them for adulthood, the youth will concentrate on six basic skills: active listening, negotiation, assertion, research, partnership and leadership.

The Director of Christian Education is Deacon Peggy Bernhard who is ably assisted by Patty Nordyke, the Sunday School Superintendent. The Christian Education Committee meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the library. Parents and parishioners who would like to join are welcome to attend the meetings. The group makes plans for the year's special events and develops policies for the Sunday School.

Nursery Care is available for children from birth to four years old during the 8, 9, and 11:15 a.m. services (during the 10 a.m. service during the summer). The adult nursery supervisor, Nancy Zook, is aided by teenagers who have experience working with small children. At times, parents are asked to participate so Nancy may have some time off.

The Children's Library offers books for a variety of ages, books on parenting, and children's videos. Due to demand, videos are only available for a two-week checkout. The library is open at all times and may be used for quiet play as well as looking for books. There is also an adult library available. Anna Shackleton is the Children's Librarian.

Vacation Bible School will be held in the summer of 2006 for children from age 4 to grade 5. Look for information in the summer.

The Parents' Place is in room 11, and parents may visit with each other while their children are in Sunday School. Coffee and doughnuts are usually available for those wanting a bit of adult time.

Summer Sunday School is held during the first 25 minutes of the Summer-Schedule 10 a.m. service. It meets for ten weeks. Children up to grade five are invited to hear a story, do a craft, etc. and then join their parents in the church. Parents staff the class, and volunteers may contact Deacon Peggy Bernhard.

Children's Music Program involves several different choirs for young people, directed by Laura Relyea.

The Cherubim Choir is for those aged 4 and 5. This choir sings for special services at Christmas, Palm Sunday and Easter. They rehearse for six weeks prior to each of these special events on Thursdays from 3 - 3:45 p.m.

The Seraphim Choir includes first and second graders. They rehearse Thursday afternoons from 4 - 4:45 p.m.

The Angelus Choir is for those in third through seventh grade. Their rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 5 - 6 p.m.

Both the Seraphim and Angelus Choirs have a regular schedule of participation in Sunday services.