

Fabulous things are in the works for all ages this fall!

## Children's Ministries.

**Sunday school** will be divided by age groups this year:

### Children ages 3 and 4



#### **From 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings**

We welcome all children ages 3 and 4 to join us from 9:30-10:30 am on Sunday mornings for this opportunity to explore the beginnings of faith and Christian living. We are pleased to re-open the preschool Sunday class this fall! Miss Carolyn (Schult) will serve as coordinator and go-to person for this classroom.

**From 10:45 – 11:45**, Miss Janet will offer faith instruction during the worship service to those children 4 and younger who are in the nursery at that time. We hope to demonstrate our commitment to Christian formation beginning at infancy and continuing in a lifelong process of relationship, discovery, vision, and faith.

### **K-2nd**

will continue will meet in the former drama room in the upper level of the CE Wing

### **3rd – 5th grades**

will have their own class with a curriculum from the PCUSA that focuses on Hebrew testament relationships like Cain and Abel, David and Jonathan, Ruth and Naomi. This group of older children will meet in the former art room in the upper level of the Christian Education wing.

### **Middle school**

Sunday class continues under the incredible and dedicated guidance of Greg and MJ Lawson, with the Making it Real and Relevant topical curriculum. This group will meet in the Youth rooms in the lower level of the Social Hall Wing.

### **High school**

will also have its own Sunday class, led by Kevin Dreyer.

Both groups will gather together for the first 15-20 minutes of the education hour, beginning at 9:30 in the youth rooms in the lower level of the Social Hall Wing for devotion, worship, and prayer.

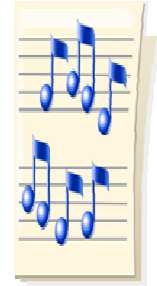
At this time, we are in process of putting together a roster of musicians to lead our collective youth worship on Sunday mornings! **Musicians, please let us know if you are interested in volunteering your time and abilities!**

At the writing of this article, we have many of our teacher-ministry positions filled. **However**, if you are interested in helping or subbing, please contact the church office ASAP! We promise to have a full ministry staff on board for Rally Day, 11 September this year.

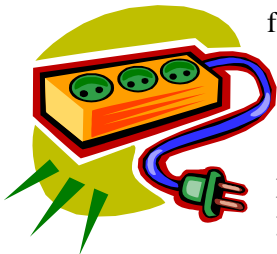
## faith development and formation

**3rd - 5th grades** Starting in October, in addition to Sunday school, this group will visit our members at St. Paul's Community once a month. We are very excited about this opportunity for outreach and intergenerational initiative.

**Children age 5-11** **Miss Alice** returns to inspire our children and train them musically. During the worship service on the last three Sundays of in September and again during the entire month of November, children age 5-11 are invited downstairs to the kids' choir room for fun fabulous choral instruction. These children will lead us in worship on the first Sundays of October and December, demonstrating what they have learned and what God is able to do through them as they share their gifts.



**Youth and teens** Our youth and teens have some great new things to look forward to this



fall, not the least of which is **SURGE!** The youth architect committee spent about ten hours in workshop-retreat a few weeks ago coming up with a mission statement, values, and specific goals for the youth ministry. SURGE was the acronym that came out of our values-list and will be used in branding for the weekly youth group and other youth events. A logo is in process of being designed and then we'll have swag to hand out! Ask the teens to explain to you what SURGE means, and what it means to each of them. We know you'll be impressed.

Youth group for middle school and high school students will take place on first, third, and fourth (day to be determined) each month in the youth room. On the Second Monday of each month, the teens and adult leaders help serve supper provided by FPC at Hope Ministries and experience this ministry with the residents there. This habit of service-ministry is something we want to emphasize and nurture in our young people.

### The youth have several activities and events coming up, including:



an overnight retreat at Redbud in the middle of October.

thinking about plans for Advent/Christmas,



the Souper Bowl of Caring,



30-Hour Famine

AND next year's mission trip for high school students!



Please continue in a spirit of prayer for the ministries to children at youth here at FPC. If you are interested in becoming involved or supporting us in any way, contact the church office by phone or by email. And keep the eyes of your heart wide open to see what wonderful works God will do through our youngest members!

Christian Education Committee