



Crosslink Newsletter

A Newsletter for
Church School at FUMC

Winter 2011-2012

New Year, New Time, New Opportunities

Our new schedule will begin on January 8. Christian education and worship are both important parts of faith development. Our new schedule will allow your whole family to experience both Sunday school and worship in a two-hour visit to church.

Highlights by age level; see more details on pg. 2.

0-2 year olds

- Nursery open from 8:45 am -12:15 pm, and 4:45 pm - 6:00 pm

Preschool (ages 3- young 5)

- Go to room P4 before service begins
- 9:00 am & 11:00 am (lessons and activities from *Rock Solid* curriculum)
- Sunday school at 10:00 am & 5:00 pm (*Bible Zone* curriculum)
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K - 5th grade

- begin in the sanctuary at 9:00 am or 11:00 am
- Children may stay to worship with family or go down to the Little Theater when dismissed from Sanctuary. Leaders will guide kids to experience scripture, song, and message in a child-focused setting.
- Sunday school at 10:00 am: Drop off and pick up children in the Little Theater. (If your child was already in the Little Theater for 9:00 worship they can stay through the Sunday school hour). We will have a short opening in the Little Theater where we will recognize birthdays and visitors; and do some on-screen trivia and games. Teachers will escort kids to age level classes then come back to the Little Theater for closing.
- Pick up your K-5th grade children at 10:55 am in the Little Theater.
- Pre-K through 2nd grade Sunday school now available at 5:00 pm

Parents

Be sure to check out the classes designed for parents. A variety of book studies, short term, and drop-in classes are available.

Questions? Contact:

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January

- Jan 1** Family Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00am
No Sunday school or Kids' Worship K-5th
Pre-K Sunday school open
Nursery Open
Contemporary Worship in Chapel at 5:00 pm
- Jan 8** First day of new schedule
Contemporary Worship in Chapel at 5:00 pm
- Jan 15** Covenant Club 6:15-7:40 pm
- Jan 29** Carol and Covenant Choir sing 11:00 am

February

- Feb 3-5** Family Life Winter Retreat - see page 3
- Feb 12** Covenant Club 6:15-7:40 pm
- Feb 26** Lenten Fair 2:00-6:00 pm - see page 4

March

- Mar 11** Covenant Club 6:15-7:40 pm
- Mar 18** Youth Musical
Family Sunday (K-5th stay in worship)



New Year - New Time - New Opportunities beginning January 8



9AM

Traditional Worship

Infants- 2yr (Nursery room P1)
Ages 3- Young 5 (Rm. P4 Rock Solid curriculum)
Ark room for special needs (room P3)
Grades K-5 continue worship in the Little Theater after
being dismissed from the Sanctuary *

10AM

Sunday School All ages

Infants - 2yr (Nursery room P1)
Ages 3 - Young 5 (Rm. P4 Bible Zone curriculum)
Ark room for special needs (room P3)
K-5th grade begin and end in the Little Theater
Sunday school in Room 20 for K-1st grade
Room 26 for 2nd-3rd grade
Room 32 for 4th-5th grade
10:55 - Pick up children from Little Theater

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5PM

**Contemporary
Worship**

Nursery: Infants - 2yr
Ages 3 - Young 5 (room P2)
Grades K-2 Sunday school (room P4) Children will begin
in the Sanctuary, to participate in the beginning of worship,
then will be sent forth to their classroom *

* Children of all ages
are welcome to stay in
the sanctuary to
worship with family.

Children in Worship

Our new children's program schedule will balance the need for children to be in worship while also offering an option for children to leave the Sanctuary before the sermon to continue worshipping in the Little Theater. Children need to learn from the experience of worshipping with their families and the whole church body. The congregation needs to worship with children because Jesus directed us to learn from them.

While you are in the Sanctuary with your children, I encourage you to continue to help your children participate with the singing, readings and prayers. About half-way through the service, children may continue worshipping in the Little Theater where leaders will guide kids to experience scripture, song, and message in a child-focused setting. Kids of all ages are always welcome to stay in the Sanctuary to worship with family.

While we strongly value children in worship, we also want to provide a worship experience where both parent and child are able to focus on and receive the message. We want to model God's design for a community where differences are accepted and affirmed and where all individuals feel they belong.

Covenant Club

Fellowship for 4th & 5th graders
Sunday evenings 6:15-7:40 pm

Questions? Contact Allison Kyro 835-6797 ext.13 or akyro@fumcmid.org.

Jan 15



(Youth Center)

Is the Force with you?

Feb. 12



(Youth Center)
Love Your Neighbor!
Ability Awareness night!

March 11



(Fellowship Hall)

What did Jesus do?

Just 5 Hours

Time is precious, and so are our children. Our ministry programs depend on the willingness of you, the families of our church, to give of your time serving with our children. Please consider serving one hour per month from January through May. That's 5 hours to invest in the faith development of our children. Please call Allison or Becky to learn more. We would love to match your gifts with the needs of our ministries.

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Winter Retreat



Mark the weekend of February 3-5, 2012 on your calendar and join Family Life Council for a weekend of fellowship, fun, great food, worship, singing and lots more at the beautiful Lake Louise Retreat Center. Families with children of all ages are welcome, as are couples, and singles.

For more information contact Becky Jenkins at 835-6797 ext. 14 or bjenkins@fumcmid.org.

Mitten Tree

A warmer winter will be enjoyed by many children in Midland! Thank you to those who brought items for the Mitten Box before the Christmas Pageant. We collected 30 hats, 87 pair of mittens, and 2 scarves. These items were taken to Salvation Army for distribution to those in need. We have this collection every year so stock up when you see sales after Christmas!





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Lenten Fair



February 26, 2:00-6:00 pm

3:00-4:00 pm crafts & games

4:00-4:45 pm dinner

Clean up and hymn sing

5:00-6:00 pm worship

Dinner: Pasta, salad, dessert, and drinks

Lenten crafts and games

Cost: \$3 each / \$12 per family

**Call the church office, 835-6797 ext. 18,
by Thursday, February 22 to make reservations.**



**Children's Lenten Offering
UMCOR Kits**

**Drop your items in the boxes
on the window ledge each week.**

- Feb. 26 ~ bar soap (full size)
- Mar. 4 ~ Toothbrush and Toothpaste (full size)
- Mar. 11 ~ pencils & sharpener
- Mar. 18 ~ crayons 24 count box
- Mar. 25 ~ work gloves
- April 1 ~ sponge or scrub brush
- April 8 EASTER ~ baby wash cloth

(Clip and use this as a shopping list)