

September 2016

Dear South Church Families,

Welcome back to a new year of Church School! I hope you are as excited as I am about all the opportunities we have to grow in faith together. Our Church School classes will be full of faith, fun and fellowship: Bible stories, games, songs, and crafts. We strive to have something special to offer every developmental stage and each learning style. Our classes are divided by grade groupings and include children in preschool through 6th grade.

You are invited to our Homecoming Picnic on Sunday, September 18th after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. This is a great opportunity to return your registration form (enclosed). **Please do return these forms as it ensures safety, helps us plan accordingly (teachers and supplies), as well as helps us communicate with you in effective ways.**

The first day of Church School is Sunday, September 25th, 10:30 a.m. We begin every service in the sanctuary with our entire faith family and after "Words with Children." We proceed to our classes. (We will have signs and there will be volunteers to guide everyone to classrooms, as well). Please pick your children up in their classes immediately following the worship service.

On the back of this letter you will see our Church School calendar for the year. Please note the dates of our "Intergenerational Worship Services." There will be no Church School on these days so that children get the experience of worshipping with their families and other adults. These services will be specifically tailored to be inclusive of children and youth.

We still need church school assistants (adult helpers), and shepherds (youth 9th grade and older). If you are able to volunteer, please let me know. It is wonderful to have parents involved with their children's faith formation and it is a great opportunity to learn something new yourself.

Each week the Church School collects an offering to donate. As part of our goals in being a "Global Mission Church," our classes will be sponsoring Lady Margareth Ornales from the Philippines again this year. We have developed a nice pen pal relationship with her. Please help by reminding your child to bring an offering with them each week, even it is just spare change. Christian stewardship is an important practice and will be a regular part of their weekly worship.

I will be available during the Homecoming Picnic (and anytime during the year) to answer any questions about Church School and the coming year. I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

With you as we grow in faith together,

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