



CONNECT KIDS

School is now well underway and hopefully your schedules and routines are settling in. Balance can be difficult. School, work, naps, meals, baths, homework, practice, sports, meetings, and the list continues. During the month of September, Pastor Jack used the book "Momentum" as the base for his sermon series, We have heard about how one pastor has found healthy balance: Devotion to God; Readiness for lifelong learning; Investing in key relationship; Vision for the future; and Exercise and Eating well.

Think about that list. How are you doing? How are you modeling healthy balance for your kids? What might you need to keep or change to take the next step toward healthy living and balance?

This month Pastor Jack is focusing on our the book *Defying Gravity: Break Free from the Culture of More*. This sermon series helps us look at generosity. How are we sharing that which we have been blessed with? On Sunday, October 29th, we will all have an opportunity to make a pledge of our tithes and offerings for 2018. This is not a contract, but rather a way to consider our devotion to God and how we share what we have with others. I encourage you to also look at the Faith Growth Pathway #5 row to see many suggestions for how you can commitment to living generously and more simply in the next year. Children will also be learning about generosity and be given their own "pledge" card. This is a great opportunity to learn about and model healthy stewardship.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER

- 12 - Mom's Connect (Cookie Packing)
- 22 - All About My Church (preschoolers)
- 26 - Mom's Connect
- 29 - Trunk or Treat



Sign-up outside the church office or contact Jannette Deszell for more information

Sunday, October 29th
4:00pm - 6:00pm
Trunk or Treating
Haunted Tunnels
Photo Opps
Games
Treats
and more!

We are learning about David on Sunday mornings in Stepping Stones & Kids GROW!

All About My Church

This special program is designed for Preschoolers to learn more about the sanctuary and worship. This is a wonderful way for three and four year olds to become comfortable in the sanctuary and with elements of worship.

Sunday, October 22nd
9:45am - 10:15am
We will start in the sanctuary at 9:45am.

Family Group

Due to a scheduling conflict, our first Family Group will be on November 10th. This group is designed for families with children and youth living at home. The format for the group will be a brief time of prayer together. Then children will play together with screened childcare workers and parents can share stories, play games, and find support together. The group will meet from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Families may leave earlier if needed.

Worship Schedule

- 8:30am - Chapel Worship
- 10:00am - The Conversation (Stepping Stones & Kids GROW)
- 10:30am - Sanctuary Worship (Stepping Stones & Kids GROW)



FAITH FORMATION

Fall Learning Opportunities

There's still time to join a Central Connect Group this fall!

- * Defying Gravity meets on Tuesday's at 7pm (October 8, 15, 22)
- * Disciple Fast-Track
- * Mom's Connect (2nd & 4th Thursdays at 9:15am)
- * Thursday Studies at 6:30pm
 - * Five Marks of a Methodist (thru 10/19)
 - * A Grace-Filled Life (10/26-11/16)
 - * Faithful (11/30-12/21)
 - * Central Faith & Friends
- * Group Spiritual Direction

Faith Growth Pathway



Visit the church website for more information about current and upcoming opportunities as well as learning more about the Faith Growth Pathway.

Prayer Resource of the Month

Looking for a new way to pray? Want to add variety to your understanding of spirituality? The Ignatian Way offers information on and experiences of Ignatian spirituality from Jesuit and Ignatian sources from around the world. You can learn more about the Ignatian Way at www.ignatianspirituality.com.



Scripture Verse for the Month

You are encouraged to post this scripture in a visible place so that you will read it many times this month. Reflect on what it means to you, read the verses around it for context, use it as a prayer, say it with your children or grandchildren, spouse or friend. As we live in a world of joy and sorrow and what feels like never-ending tragedy, may we remember this:

The LORD is close to the
brokenhearted;

he saves those whose
spirits are crushed.

~ Psalm 34:18

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