



The Mustard Seed

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Matthew 13:32it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree....

Tackle Hunger!

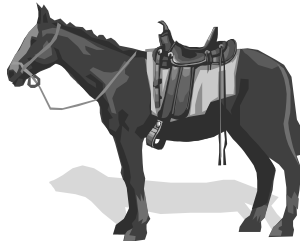
We're not talking football; we're talking cans of soup to help feed hungry people. Please bring cans of soup to church school on Feb. 5.

There will be a decorated box for preschool classes on the first floor and a football field on the 3rd floor hallway for Kids' Kingdom classes. Get in on the action and join the SOUPer Bowl!



Heartland Presbyterian Center Camping Programs

We have an outstanding overnight camping program available to us through Heartland Presbyterian Center, our Presbyterian Camp near Parkville, Missouri. Brochures are available in the Children's Ministry Office or can be downloaded at www.heartlandcenter.org. You will love the activities available – horseback riding, swimming, campfire vespers, study and prayer, yummy food, and meeting new friends.



Mark Your Calendar: Summer Sign-Ups 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Come to the north hallway to sign up for Kid's Day Out/Parent's Day Out, Vacation Bible School, field trips, Day Camp and *Creations by Kids* classes:



February 27 – church members, preschool families and KDO families;

March 5 – community.
The brochure will be mailed on February 13th.

College for the Devoted Life - 2012 BREAKING BREAD: NOURISHMENT FOR THE LENTEN JOURNEY 10:40 a.m. – 12:00 noon in Room 206

Join other families (parents and elementary children) for brunch and conversations around the table led by Ruth Davidson, Director of Children's Ministry. Week 1 is for parents and children of any elementary age, but week 2 is specifically designed for parents and children of Kindergarteners and 1st graders who are considering taking their first communion. Register through the VillageU College for the Devoted Life or e-mail ruth@villagepres.org a week prior to each workshop to allow for food and materials preparation (no cost to participants). Preschool children can join the family for brunch and then be taken for child care (reservations need to be given with child's name and birthday).

Week 1 – February 26, 2012

Family Conversations about Prayer

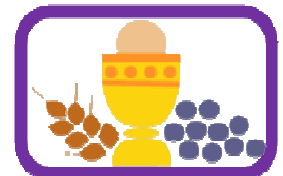
Following brunch, we will explore various prayer practices for the Lenten season and beyond. We will also make a Lord's Prayer with Beads, which has a companion guided meditation. Registration deadline is February 19.



Week 2 – March 4, 2012

Family Conversations about Holy Communion.

Following brunch, we will explore the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will remember Jesus, learn about the communion elements, and understand how it is that children are welcome at the table. This is a wonderful preparation for children who wish to take their first communion on Maundy Thursday.



Kids' Kingdom Herald

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Welcome To:

Unit #5 teachers:

Creation Station

Angela King

Eat Your Way

Shelley and Lee Staehr

Gracious Space

Rebecca Seyferth

Holy Rock and Rollin'

Sarah Dornbusch

KKVC 27 News

Brad Stratton

Paradise Pictures

Phill and Jenny Crum

Temple Tales

Laura Fey

Village Players

Carol Are and Kimberly Tranbarger

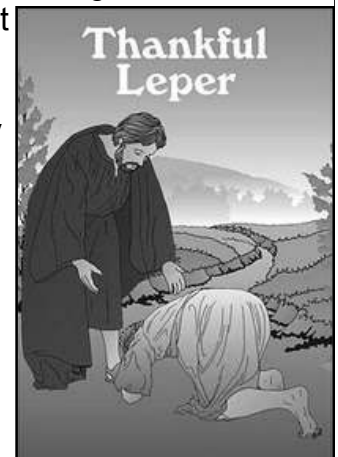
Bible Scholar

Monique Rydberg-Cox and
Fred Kircher

Kids' Kingdom Unit 5– Jesus: The Man with Many Hats



In this fun unit the children will actually wear hats and symbols to help them remember the many “hats” that Jesus wore. Jesus was a storyteller, healer, friend, miracle worker, teacher, and he had concern for all people. The Gospel writers all recorded Jesus’ life information in their own way. The followers of Jesus tell many stories about their beloved Jesus – how many great things God taught through this life of his only son Jesus Christ. We learn about how welcoming Jesus was to all people, even little children. Jesus performed miracles that changed lives, not only for those who were changed but also for those who saw and heard the miracle. Jesus taught that abundance is more than a person’s interest in material possessions and money, but rather sharing the God-given gifts with others. Jesus healed the sick of both body and mind. Jesus fed the multitudes and cared for the poor and hungry. Jesus taught what we call the Golden Rule, “in everything do to others as you would have them do to you...” If we can continually recall and remember all that Jesus was (wear his “hat”), our lives can be different and will be inspired by his life.



Summer Registration Begins

Church members:

Preschool and KDO families
Monday, February 27, 8:00 a.m.

Community:

Monday, March 5, 8:00 a.m.
Brochure mailed out Feb. 13



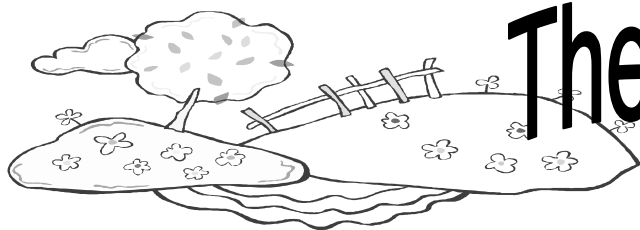
Can you help?

We still need the following rotational leaders
for Kids' Kingdom:

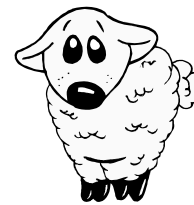
March 18-April 15 “I Am Savings of Jesus”: Gracious Space,
Kingdom.com, Mary and Martha’s, Temple Tales, Bible Scholar

April 29-May 20 “Women of the Bible”: Holy Rock, KKVC 27 News

If you can help, please call Liz Middleton at 913.671.2359. Thanks!



The Sheep Peek



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Welcome February Teachers:

2's Class

Devon Conrad, Aimee & Ben Strobl

Younger 3's / Older 3's Combined

Nancy Weeks & Michelle O'Neal

Younger 4's

Brandi and Steve Davis

Older 4's-PreK Class

Sarah McKee and Carol Solenberger

Teaching Opportunities

Younger/Older 3's Class 2/26, March
and April Openings

Older 4's/Pre-K Needs a leader from
3/18, 3/25, April and/or May

Sign - Ups are available outside
Children's Ministry or you contact
Jennie Crowe at
jennie.crowe@villagepres.org

Mark Your Calendar

Summer Sign-ups for Kids' Day Out/
Parents' Day Out, Vacation Bible School,
and Creations by Kids courses will be:

For members, preschool families, and
KDO families:

**Monday, February 27, from 8-12
noon in the north hallway.**

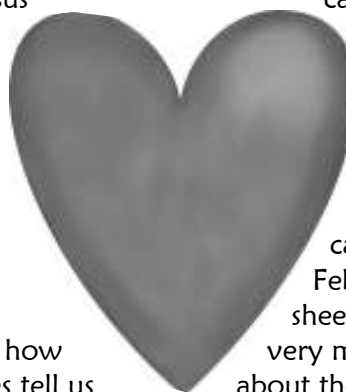
Sign-ups for community will be the same
time on

Monday, March 5.



Preschool Church School February 5th to February 26th, 2012

We continue in February learning more about Jesus. We begin on February 5 with Jesus feeding a hungry crowd. On February 12, we hear how Jesus calmed a scary storm. On February 19th we go with Jesus to the home of his friend Lazarus, and is welcomed by Lazarus' two sisters Mary and Martha. Martha works hard to prepare for Jesus' visit, and Mary sits at the feet of Jesus and listens, causing some anger by February 26, we hear the story of the lost sheep being found! This story reminds us how very much Jesus cares for us. These four stories tell us about the love and care Jesus has for all people – the hungry, the scared, the differing opinions, and lost. In this month of LOVE, come learn about the love of Jesus.



Infant to Pre-K Moms

0 to 3 Moms is changing its name to help us grow and reach a bigger demographic. This group will have topics from making your own baby food to chore chart reward systems - you can bring your questions or your experiences to help support one another. We are also doing a survey if you'd like to contribute please go to:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22EFTZRMCDW/>



For February - Have you ever thought the question: What will happen to the kids if something happens to me/spouse/us? You are not alone and we are bringing in a very experienced Paralegal who has great insight (not legal advice) into things to consider when making plans for your family. Join us Feb. 21st from 9:30 to 11:00. Enjoy a drink from the coffee shop, snacks and a chance to visit and discuss.

Child care is available please R.S.V.P. to Jennie by Feb. 15th; 913.671.2359 or email jennie.crowe@villagepres.org.