

Children

Sunday School: Classes for children ages three and up are held from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings year-round. Children learn about their faith through art, drama, cooking, science and storytelling. During Summer Sunday School, the children are grouped together in a “camp” setting.

Kidz Worship: After the Children Message during Sunday worship, children ages four through eight go downstairs for children's worship and hands-on activities. On Communion Sunday, children remain with their parents.

During Service: Activity Bags for our children are available in the Narthex for use during the worship services. Please return the activity bags at the end of the service.



Acolyting: Acolytes are boys and girls in grades 3 through 6 who would like to assist the minister in the worship service by lighting the candles. Contact Barb Russell at the church for more information.

Vacation Bible School: VBS for 2010 is July 26-30, from 9 a.m. to Noon. It will be an fun-filled summer week. Our theme will be announced soon! Contact Sarah Anderson for more information.

Children's Choir: During the school year, the Kid's Choir (Pre-K—5th grade) meets on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. in the Music Room. They sing during Sunday services as well as put on a musical once or twice a year. Contact David Smith at the church office for more information.

Scouting: There are a number of Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops that meet at the church. Contact the church office for more information.



Cub Scouts
Pinewood
Derby

5th and 6th Graders

All Starz: All Starz is a Christian fellowship group for 5th & 6th Graders that meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month for fun, fellowship and local mission projects. Contact Barb Russell at the church office for more information.

Special Events

Family Nights: The Children's Ministry Committee supports and sponsors events throughout the year, including an Easter Egg Hunt, a Christ-centered event at Halloween, and family events during Advent and Lent. We also provide other events such as game nights and fitness nights, where we continually seek ways to encourage connections with others and Christ through fellowship and service.



Infants

Nursery: Our nursery, staffed by paid professionals, is available during worship. Parent pagers are available for your convenience and peace of mind. Most of our adult events/classes will provide nursery upon request. Call the church office for details.

Preschoolers

Church Preschool: Teaching Our Toddlers Preschool (TOT) uses a developmental approach to learning. We offer morning classes for 3 and 4 year-olds and an afternoon "Lunch Bunch" program Tuesday through Thursday. Call Shirley Edwards at 703-644-6384 or visit www.totpreschool.org for more information.

Parents

Parenting Sunday School: Parenting in Partnership with God is a weekly Sunday School class that meets from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. while children are in Sunday School.



Affirmation for Families

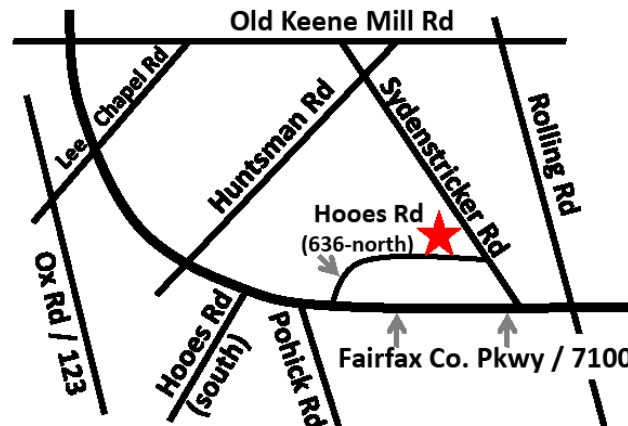
We believe that the "family" is not limited to those whom we call relatives. Family is where persons are received in love and given their identity and self-worth. Persons are nurtured and guided in their growth and understanding of their spiritual and cultural heritages. They are encouraged to seek their vocation as children of God.



Family Game Night

"Behold, children are a gift of the Lord ..."
Psalm 127:3

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