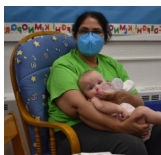


# GROW: Children's Ministries

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BUMC has a variety of programs for children of all ages, offering opportunities for our youngest members to learn, play, sing, and grow in faith together. We know that families continue to be very concerned about the possible spread of COVID-19, especially indoors. BUMC shares your concern and is closely following all CDC and local health department recommendations to ensure the safety of our children including requiring that all staff and volunteers who work with children be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. We are also offering online options for Sunday School and outdoor worship and choir rehearsals on select Sundays. If you have any questions, contact our **Director of Christian Education, Beth Reilly (Beth@washmorefeet.org)**.

## NURSERY CARE



Nursery care is available on Sunday mornings beginning at 8:45 am. The nursery is located on the main level of the education wing in Room 105 and is staffed by our regular caregivers, *Bobby Ahmed and Saima Shaikh*.

Children two or older are required to wear a mask.

## WORSHIP

Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in and help lead worship. Some of the ways that children can be involved include serving as an acolyte or lay reader, singing, playing an instrument, or ushering. Parents can pick up a children's bulletin, a children's Bible, or storybooks in the Narthex for children to use during the service. Our worship services include a *Children's Message* and *Kids with Purpose* program (see below for more on that). One of the highlights of the year is *Children's Sabbath* (our theme this year is the Olympics), which involves children leading all aspects of the service including delivering the morning message! In addition to our 11:00 am service in the Sanctuary, BUMC also offers a family-friendly outdoor service approximately twice/month at 9:00 am in the Huntington Pkwy lot.

## KIDS WITH PURPOSE

Children in grades 1-3 (and younger when accompanied by a parent) have the opportunity to participate in *Kids with Purpose* during the 11:00 am worship service. Through hands-on projects, this Bible-based program



aims to make mission and service to others an everyday and lifelong activity. Children who would like to participate sit with their families at the beginning of worship and head out to KWP in Room 104 after the Children's Message.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our classes for children follow an age-specific curriculum focused on exploring the Bible through stories, games, music, creative activities, and shared conversation. All classes are available in-person and online. Sunday School runs from **10:00 - 10:45 am**.

**Preschool - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Room 102 (main level)  
**3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Fellowship Hall (lower level)

**Parents** are invited to be part of our **Faith-Filled Parenting Adult Sunday School Class**. Join us as we discuss the joys and challenges of parenting and ways that our faith might guide us as we seek to parent in a faith-filled way (**Sundays@ 10:00 am** in Room 207).

**Contact: Beth Reilly (beth@washmorefeet.org)** for Zoom links and more info.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children in Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade have the opportunity to sing with our Children's Choir, which rehearses and records presentations on **select Sundays from 9:35 - 9:55 am** outside in the Huntington Pkwy lot (stay tuned to *The Messenger* for details). Children are required to wear masks.

**Contact: Max Nolin (max@washmorefeet.org)**

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Children ages 3 and older are invited to be part of our **Christmas Pageant**, which will be presented at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. A variety of speaking, singing, and ensemble roles will be available.

**Contact: Max Nolin (max@washmorefeet.org)**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is an opportunity for children age 3 - grade 5 to learn about their faith through singing, games, Bible stories, and crafts.



While we won't know the exact format of our 2022 VBS due to uncertainty around the COVID-19 pandemic, we invite you to save the dates on your calendar (**June 20 - 24**) and join us for our **Winter VBS Celebration on Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**. Registration will begin in spring 2022.

**Contact Beth Reilly (beth@washmorefeet.org)**

### Special Dates 2021-2022\*

September 12	First Day of Sunday School
September 26	Children's Sabbath & Third Grade Bible Presentation
November 28	Advent Wreath Workshop
December 5	Live Nativity
December 19	Christmas Pageant
January 17	MLK Service Day
February 13	VBS Winter Celebration
April 17	Easter Egg Hunt
June 20-24	Vacation Bible School

\* Events/dates are tentative and may change if COVID-19 transmission rates increase in our community.