

## Fall of 2017

Christ Church views children as vital to the existence and growth of the church. As a result, a vibrant Christian Education program is available for all school age children through grade twelve. Children who are new to the church, as well as visitors, are always welcome. Classes meet immediately following the 10am service and conclude at 12:15pm.

The program uses curriculum called *Weaving God's Promises*. These materials mirror the lectionary (the readings used by the adults during the service). As a benefit, the children learn about the same lessons that are being read during the service providing an excellent opportunity for parent-child interaction at home. The children separate into age appropriate groups where greater emphasis is placed on the lessons of the day as well as the church season and calendar. A variety of methods are used to teach our children including: storytelling, demonstrations, question and answer, drawing, painting, posters, crafts, Bible study, handouts, spoken and written prayers, poems, stories and parables, Bible paraphrase, singing, skits, puppets, role play, Bible quizzes, and games.



Throughout the year, parents and children can expect to be invited to participate in several Christian Education events including the Christmas and Easter Pageants (there is always a part for everyone!), the Easter Egg Hunt, and community service activities.

At Christ Church, the children are an essential part of our community of faith and are welcomed warmly in the church service. “Busy Bags” filled with books, crayons, and activity sheets are provided for children who may need a little help focusing. A fully staffed nursery is available, as well as a cry room in the rear of the sanctuary.

Beginning at age 8, children may be eligible to serve as acolytes during worship services. Beginning at age 5, children may be eligible to serve as Junior Ushers. [Click here](#) for more information on becoming an Acolyte, Junior Usher, and other volunteer opportunities.

Adult volunteers are always welcome to join the Christian Education team. Volunteers can serve as teachers, assistants, craft leaders, chaperones, or simply offer to provide a snack. Contact Amy

Shumoski, Director of Children & Youth Ministries, at [ashumosk@gmail.com](mailto:ashumosk@gmail.com) with questions about our Christian Education program, or to discuss how you can get involved.