

Spring Valley Presbyterian Church



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Christian Education

Christian Education Directory
Fall - 2011



Christian Education Ministry

The mission of the Christian Education ministry of SVPC is to nurture the spiritual growth of children, youth and adults as disciples of Christ; preparing both individuals and families to live their Christian principles through dynamic Sunday school classes, small group opportunities and preschool programs.

“Nurturing our Youngest”

Spring Valley Presbyterian Church provides for the nurture and Christian development of children beginning with the church nursery on Sunday mornings.

Cradle Roll-newborn infants

Nurture of our children begins with our Cradle Roll which celebrates new births through The Scroll publication and an annual recognition service during the 10:30 worship hour.

Nursery Services - birth to eighteen months

During worship services, the Sunday school hour, Wednesday CAFÉ and other church activities, SVPC offers a crib nursery under the supervision of caring, experienced paid staff and trained volunteers. Please check with the office to confirm the nursery schedule.

One and Two year olds

Room 201

This Sunday School class has a short lesson every Sunday using the *Wee Believe* curriculum that utilizes songs, puppets, and hand motions. The children will hear stories about the life of Jesus, God's unending love and the church and participate in appropriate activities.

Jessica Inbody, Coordinator

Joan DeVito

Faride Jalube

Connie Johnson

Michelle Reid

Cristina Riechers

Roxane Hoover

Preschool

3, 4 and 5 year olds

Room 204

The children in this Sunday School class will be learning about *God's Word for God's People*. *Wee Believe* is an early childhood curriculum for preschoolers. It is written and designed to nurture the development of faith through age appropriate Bible stories.

Teachers

Wendy Sherman, Coordinator

Matt Sherman

Brad Tolson

Ashley Tolson

Roz Catoe

Ellen Harrison

Dawn Eargle

Danna Fields

“Children’s Worship Experience”

Children’s Church

(ages 3 – 6)

Children’s Church prepares children for worship by transitioning them from the nursery environment to the more structured setting of a worship service.

The Children’s Church program is led by parent volunteers and provides faith-building activities with the children during the 10:30 worship service. The curriculum was written by SVPC member, Marilyn Dillon. A highlight for the children is coming into the sanctuary during worship for a special time with one of the pastors.

Dawn Eargle, Coordinator

Parent volunteers

Children in Worship

(Rising 2nd graders)

The Children in Worship program prepares our second graders to become full participants in the worship service. The curriculum is *Get Ready, Get Set, Worship!* by Lou, Meyers, Washer, & Love. Children learn why we worship, and are taught the meaning of our Christian traditions, order of worship, the parts of the Sanctuary, and many other elements of worship, including the symbolism of our beautiful, stained glass windows. Children are given their very own Bible at the conclusion of the program.

Elementary

First through fifth graders will use the *We Believe* curriculum. Through Biblical stories shared in a variety of ways, children learn in a setting that stimulates their imagination and encourages class participation.

First, second & third grades

Teachers

Ruth Adams
Todd Gaither
Sara Peacock

Fourth & Fifth grades

Teachers

Dianne Meadow
Kathy Bradley

Middle School

Sixth & Seventh Grades

Youth in grades 6 & 7 will use *We Believe: Faithfully Asking Questions* curriculum in Sunday School. This curriculum for fall, winter and spring connects faith questions collected from Presbyterian youth with questions from *The Study Catechism: Confirmation Version*. Young people will bring their questions to the Bible and learn to navigate scripture as they address issues of life and faith.

Teachers

Carolyn Egbert
Joanna Greene
Mike Greene
Kaye Hooks
Jon Keyser

Confirmation

Eighth grade

Confirmation class participants study the Bible, Reformed Theology, and the history of the Presbyterian Church. They are then given the opportunity to decide to take on their baptismal vows for themselves, thereby becoming church members. The Confirmation class uses the curriculum *We Believe: Processing Our Faith*. Additionally, Confirmands attend fall retreat as well as engage in memorization, weekly homework, and service projects. They have a detailed program calendar and work closely with their Adult Confirmation partners.

Confirmation Sunday is May 20, 2012.

Teachers

Drea Bender, Anna Lucas, Pete Griffin, Stan Guy

Senior High

Ninth – Twelfth Grades

The youth in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 will be using a Sunday School curriculum by *We Believe: Faith Questions*. Patterned around the marks of membership from the Book of Order, these mini-courses are based on faith questions posed by older youth. Young people will be encouraged to look to scripture and to our faith tradition in relevant, responsive ways.

Teachers

Cathy Epps

Stan Guy

Jon Keyser

Chris McMenemy

Suzie Moore

Sarah St. Onge

Adult Sunday School

Our goal is to provide an Adult Sunday School Class that is stimulating and growth providing for everyone. Whether you prefer intensive Bible study or a lively discussion, there is a class here for you. If you have any questions about what class might be right for you, please call Rev. Ruth Roberts, Associate Pastor for Christian Education.

NEW! Women's Sunday School Class

Room 301

This fall the SVPC Christian Education ministry is offering a new class for women of all ages. The results of a recent survey of the women of the church highlighted a real interest in a class like this. If you are interested, please join us. The class will begin with a study of the women of the Bible.

Teachers

Belinda Rutledge

Karen Coker

Bible class

Room 216

The Bible Class will be using *Standard Publishing's: Standard Lesson Quarterly*. Join them as they have a caring, conversational study and reflection on God's word in Proverbs, Ecclesiastes , Song of Solomon and Mathew. This class has a student handbook available for participants.

Teachers

Steve Bower

Steve Simmons

Genesis

Room 302

The Genesis This class is wide open, always something new, especially for those that aren't able to come every Sunday. Topics for this year will include Presbyterians in the South, What Presbyterians Believe, Current Events, Being Presbyterian in a Pluralistic World. Join us and contribute to the lively discussion!

Teachers

Jerry Alexander
Wes Anderson
Carol Beaty
Lamar Potts

Sunday Morning Live

Room 303

The Sunday Morning Live SS Class started twenty five years ago when the church was young, and so were we! The average age of the class member may have changed a little since then, but the spirited discussion has not. The leaders and class share discussion and information on a wide variety of current topics from a Christian perspective; the study guides include books by well know theologians in addition to local authors and web sources.

Sunday Morning Live offers an encouraging balance of faith, study, mission and social opportunities; the format is perfect for those who can join in often or just stop by occasionally."

Teachers

Robin Brackett
Jerry Olson

L.I.F.E.

Room 305

The L.I.F.E. class goal is centered on promoting Learning, Involvement, Fellowship, and Encouragement to its members. In a casual, collaborative, discussion-oriented setting, we explore our faith, become more involved in the life of the church, grow in fellowship and support each other in good times and in tough times. This fall we will be exploring current events straight from the headlines, analyzing them from a biblical perspective and seeking guidance from scripture and each other about what our role as Christians and Presbyterians should be in today's society. These classes are designed so that you don't have to attend every week to keep up.

Teachers

Brent Dillon
Michael Hogue
Dan O'Mara
Mark Riley
Lance Roper

Journey through the Bible

Room 307

Journey through the Bible has been so successful in the past three years and we are offering it again. This time, the class will be journeying through the *letters of Paul*. Please join in the trip and study this important early Christian leader whose teaching is so relevant to today's Christian.

Teachers

Stuart Hooks
Ron Swinson

Conscious Discipline

Conscious Discipline is not just for families with small children. The brain research information helps us understand our needs for connection. In a family, the more connected we are the more willing we are and willingness leads to cooperation. Come hear about the ways to have a More Connected Family!

Inquirer's Class

The Inquirer's class is a beneficial introduction to SVPC for visitors and newcomers. Pastor will provide information for those who want to learn more about Spring Valley Presbyterian Church, our faith, and what it means to be Presbyterian. The class will meet over the course of five weeks.

Fall Class - Wednesday evening September 14 through October 12 at 6:30 pm to 7:30. If interested, please contact the church office at 803-788-3589 or at info@svpc.org.

Child care is available.

Pastors - Rev. Dr. Jack Heinsohn and Rev. Ruth Roberts

Bible Study

‘GIRLFRIENDS AND GOD’

An exciting opportunity for Women to come to a new Bible study will be held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month beginning in September and continuing through January. This Bible study is uplifting for every woman who feels she isn't godly enough...isn't loving enough...isn't doing enough...

We are inviting ...the busy moms, working girls, and retirees...all girls to join ‘Girlfriends and God.’ Laura Griese and Roz Catoe will lead this informal study. The study book is “Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World’ by the author Joanna Weaver. The life of a woman today isn't really all that different from that of Mary and Martha in the New Testament. Like Mary, you long to sit at the Lord's feet...but the daily demands of a busy world just won't leave you alone. Like Martha, you love Jesus and really want to serve him...yet you struggle with weariness, resentment and feelings of inadequacy.

‘Girlfriends and God’ will be a group of women who will laugh, share, and uplift each other as they take this 12 week journey. The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, with child care provided, beginning on September 14th. If you are interested, e-mail Roz Catoe at rcatoe@sc.rr.com.

Lunchtime Bible Study

Lead by our Pastors, Rev. Jack Heinsohn or Rev Ruth Roberts. This Bible Study is centered on the text they will be preaching from the following Sunday. This is a great way for the Pastors to listen to what you are hearing in the texts. It helps the Pastors and those who participate to have a better experience in worship for Sunday as it helps us to be prepared to listen more carefully for what God is saying in His Word. Bring your sack lunch and join us.

This group meets Tuesdays from 12:10 pm to 12:50 in room 307.

Sunday School Offerings

The Christian Education Committee decided to designate our Sunday School offerings to the following organizations for 2010-2011. Heifer International will receive our first trimester offerings, then Souper Bowl of Caring will receive the offerings for the second trimester, then God's Storehouse will receive the third trimester offerings. More information on each of these fine organizations is below.

www.heifer.org --Heifer International is a global non-profit with a proven solution to end hunger by promoting self reliance through gifts of livestock, seeds, and extensive training.

www.souperbowl.org The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national organization which began at SVPC. The mission is to use the energy of the Super Bowl to mobilize youth in a united, national effort to care for people who are hungry and in need in their local communities.

www.Godsstorehouse.memberlodge.org God's Storehouse is a local, crisis ministry that also has it roots of beginning at SVPC. Their mission is to serve the Columbia community providing food, clothing, and household goods to individuals and families in crisis.

Superintendents

Our Superintendents are here to help you during the Sunday School hour, welcoming visitors, providing directions, tallying attendance, and collecting offerings.

Superintendents

Ann Canary

Pat Canary

Lollie Eykyn

Mary Mann

Preston Meynardie

Jane Staines

SVPC Sunday School Locator Map

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Save the Date!

Advent Festival



December 4, 2011
Potts Fellowship Hall

Come for Fellowship and Christmas crafts!

SAVE THE DATE!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 18 – 22, 2012

Sunday, June 24, 2012
VBS CELEBRATION