

◦ **S u m m e r**
Grace Place



Yes, we **do** offer Summer Sunday School for our children! Due to lower attendance, we don't have rotations and children are combined into several age groups per classroom. However, volunteers are needed to teach Summer Sunday school classes. Lessons are simple and all materials are provided. Due to summer vacations and the need for many dedicated volunteers to relax and refresh before joining us again in the fall, our volunteer schedule is more flexible in the summer. Volunteers can sign up for the weeks they are available to teach during June/July and choose to teach one or both hours each Sunday.

For more information about these exciting children's programs, and to express your areas of interest, please contact us!

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Share your Gifts and Talents



Make a Difference in a Child's Life!

At every baptism, we commit to nurture each child in the Christian faith so that they may grow in the grace and love of God. As we work together to help our children develop a relationship with God, we would like to invite you to participate directly in your child's faith development by giving a portion of your time and talents to our Children's Ministry Program.



As parents we are our children's first and most influential Christian educators. Please make a commitment to participate in at least one of the following Children's Ministry activities.

◦ **Grace Place Mentor**



Mentors commit to assisting a particular age group at either 9:40 or 11:00 each Sunday for one semester or one school year. Mentors arrive 5-10 minutes early to greet children, collect and discuss prayer request slips, pray with the children, and lead their group to a different station each week. Mentors do not have to prepare or teach the lessons each week, but are asked to lead follow-up activities and discussions. This is an important and fulfilling role as children are in great need of strong role models in their faith development.

◦ **Grace Place Presenter**

Presenters commit to teach one lesson for a six-week session during both hours of Grace Place (9:40 and 11:00). The lesson and all materials are provided. Some preparation is required to review the lesson ahead of time. However the same lesson is taught each week to a different grade level, with only slight adjustments for different age groups. This format allows presenter volunteers to select an area of particular interest or natural talent. Stations include: Story/Drama, Music, Games, Crafts, Science, Video, or Snack. No special training is required, only the love of children and the desire to make a difference in their faith experience.

◦ **3rd Grade Bible Retreat (9/17/10)**



Each fall, third graders attend a Bible retreat—two hours of Bible education and fun on a Friday night. Parents are needed to help with check-in and as extra helpers for the activities planned.

◦ **Wednesday Night Programs**

Parent volunteers are needed to teach or assist with these periodic 6 week programs. All lessons and materials are provided. Leaders commit to teaching 1 – 1 ½ hrs. per week for 6 weeks. Some preparation is required to review the lesson ahead of time. Assistants can sign up to help one or more weeks. Minimal preparation required.

◦ **Advent Workshop (11/17/10)**



A family event geared for children of all ages. Families can make their own Advent wreath, decorate ornaments and enjoy a tasty treat. Volunteers are needed to help supervise and assist with craft stations, serve refreshments, and assist with set-up/clean-up.

◦ **Milk and Muffins (12/11/10)**

This special holiday event—a GUMC tradition—is geared for families with young children. Children hear the Christmas story, make crafts, enjoy snacks, and visit with Santa. Volunteers are needed to assist with craft stations, serve refreshments, and assist with set-up/clean-up.



◦ **Easter Egg Hunt (4/23/11)**



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is held the Saturday before Easter at GUMC's McVay Gardens Park. Volunteers are needed to greet guests, serve snacks, assist with crafts and games, and help with set-up/clean-up. Volunteers are also needed ahead of time to help stuff hundreds of eggs.

◦ **Vacation Bible School (6/13/11 – 6/17/11)**

VBS is held the 2nd week of June for children who will be 4 by September 30th through rising 6th graders. This is the largest outreach ministry of GUMC. Over 300 children attend each year. *Everyone's* help is needed for this fun and amazing ministry!