



Kids News

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Info for Kids and the Parents
who love them!

Shepherd's Community
and Christ United
Methodist Church

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Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, **April 11th** at our Shepherd campus from 10am—12:30pm.

We will have story time, pony rides for kids 7 and under, two bouncy slides, crafts, snacks,

bike helmet safety checks AND a K9 demonstration! We encourage you to invite your friends to this fun day!



Egg Hunt Times:

10:30
Infants/Toddlers
10:45
Preschoolers
11:00
K—2nd grade
11:15
3rd—5th grade



Reading this newsletter could

increase your knowledge of church activities and might be advantageous to your spiritual health. Read at your own risk.

Have you signed up yet?

Summer Under the Son Day Camp starts June 8th at Shepherd campus and you can register now! We are making

this year's camp even more fun, with extra activities such as woodworking, fossil hunting, cooking and dancing

classes, cultural enrichments and service projects. To register or for more information, go to www.scumc.net!

Hey Mom and Dad....check it out!!

We know you're already great, but we want to help you become an even better mom, dad, wife and husband! Check out these opportunities:

May is Marriage Month!

Intertwined: Growing Oneness in Marriage is our sermon series for May! Plus:

A FREE showing of **Fireproof** on Friday, May 8th at 7pm.

Intertwined Marriage Seminar

When: Friday, May 15th, 7pm-9pm AND Saturday, ay 16th, 9am-4pm at Shepherd.

And, hey, there's fun stuff for kids during both of those times! Just register at www.scumc.net.



But, wait, that's not all.....

Also starting in May is a new parenting class! Beginning Wednesday May 27th and running through July 11th, April Bloom will be leading a parenting class from the book 'God Knows How to Raise Your Kids, Even if You Don't!' by Joe McGee. Class will be held at the Lake Miriam Campus and childcare will be provided. Email ecarson@scumc.net!

Fun Facts

- 87% of parents surveyed by Yahoo! Shine play video games with their kids at least occasionally.
- 75% of US households forbid smoking, up from 43% a decade ago.
- 31% of parents say their discipline strategies are ineffective all or most of the time....yikes!

Have you checked the
Compassion sign up on the
Parenting Bulletin Board?
Let us know if you and
your child will help our
children's ministry adopt a
Compassion child!

Don't Forget!

The last night of the
FEAST is May 13th!!

Spotlight on Amy Davis!!

We want to take some time to tell you about one of our wonderful children's ministry volunteer, Amy Davis. Amy teaches children's church for us. She has been a member of our church for about 6 months and her in-

laws are longtime members at our Christ campus. Amy is an elementary school teacher, who also used to be a drug prevention specialist. Her favorite bible character is Nehemiah and her favorite bible story

is of the woman at the well. Amy and her husband Tony have two little girls, Adeline and Sylvia. Make sure you give Amy a big thank for you her service to your kids the next time you see her in the hallway!

Don't forget to be nice to Mom!

Okay, kids and dads, Mother's Day is just around the corner. Sunday, May 10th, we will be celebrating how wonderful our moms are. What are you going to do to make your mom feel special?

- Make mom breakfast in bed. She will love anything you make, just don't forget to clean up!

- Buy her flowers, or better yet, plant some in your backyard, so that she can watch them grow!



- Dads, take the kids to a movie and give mom the house to herself. A little peace and quiet doesn't cost a thing, but it will mean a lot!

And don't forget to send your pictures of mom to pics@scumc.net, so that those special pictures of you and mom can be shown in church!

Fun on the web!

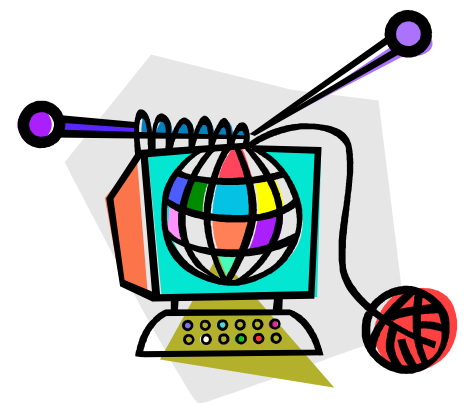
Looking for websites that are fun and safe to play on, but that also help you learn more about God? Check out these websites, filled with bible stories, games and more!

- **CBH Ministries:** www.cbhministries.org/home.php has daily devotionals and bible stories and if you click on CBH Zone, there are fun online games!
- **Wonder Zone:** www.wonderzone.com was rated best Christian

children's website by kids and parents alike! It is filled with games, adventures and bible based activities.

- **Wycliffe Kids:** www.wycliffe.org/kids/ focuses on bible history and translation across the world and also looks at mission work across the globe. Filled with interesting facts and fun games!
- **Praise Kids:** www.praise.com/kids is filled with coloring pages, games and quizzes about Jesus!

Kids, don't forget that you should always check with mom and dad before going onto the internet!



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The **VISION** of our
Children's Ministry is to
provide a fun and relevant
environment where kids grow
in their knowledge of the
bible and build a loving
relationship with Jesus and
the church.

Summer Camp Information

Summer Camp at Warren W. Willis Camp in Leesburg is for rising 4th graders and 5th graders and is a wonderful opportunity for kids to build a relationship with Christ and with other young Christians.

Camp this year is the week of **June 22nd through June 27th**. Approximately 100 kids from across the state attend each week. Kids are housed in cabins with 20 other campers and 4 counselors and are involved in a variety of activities, such as crafts, swimming, worship and small group bible study.

Don't forget to check
www.warrenwilliscamp.org and
www.scumc.net for
scholarship
applications!

Plus, our very own Jackie Simons will be a camp counselor this year!

The cost of summer camp is \$365.00 per child. Scholarships are available through the conference and also through our church. Several children from our congregation have attended

this camp in the past and have had wonderful experiences.

If you have questions about camp, you can visit their website or speak to Emily Carson.

Camp fills us quickly, so register now!!

