

Danville Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday School Handbook 2009-2010



Jesus said, "Let the little children come
to me,
and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to
such as these."
Matthew 19:14

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Christian Education Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Danville Congregational Church Sunday School Program to provide a safe setting where each individual can grow in the Christian Faith. Students will learn in an environment in which they are actively engaged and motivated to build relationships with other members of the congregation, Jesus Christ and with God. All students will be treated as equals and encouraged to grow socially, emotionally and spiritually.

The Christian Education Committee also strives “to create an environment that promotes meaningful engagement among all generations of the congregation and in all aspects of ministry”, as outlined in the DCC Redevelopment Goals (#4, adopted 11/19/2008)

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Sunday School Teams ~ Teachers and Substitutes:

Pre K-K – Jenn Lam, Barb Sweet, Tonya Gamble

Grades 1-4 – Wendy Somers, Laurie Pollard, Edith Chase

Grades 5-6 – Debbie Gray, Laurie Smith, Ellen Foster

Confirmation & Bible Study – Rev. Doug Carter and other mentors

Grades 7-12 – Marie Sullivan & Brian Keith

Substitutes – Karen Remington, Kim Larose, Winona Gadapee, Kim Behr

2009-2010 Calendar

Sept. 13	1st Sunday of Sunday School
Nov. 29	4-6 p.m. Advent Workshop (crafts including decorations, and pizza) 1st Sunday of Advent
Dec. 6	Pageant Practice
Dec. 13	Pageant Practice
Dec. 20	Christmas Pageant
Apr. 4	Easter
May 23	Preparation for Christian Education Sunday
May 30	Preparation for Christian Education Sunday
Jun. 6	Preparation for Christian Education Sunday
Jun. 13	Christian Education Sunday

Child Care Program

It is the mission of the Danville Congregational Church to offer a safe environment for children of the congregation. Childcare is available during worship for children ages birth to 3, whose family is attending worship. It is located downstairs in the nursery. Childcare providers are trained and certified in CPR and First Aid and able to provide the finest care for children and engage them in activities and relationships with others. Parents are welcome to help their children adapt to our nursery and if they need to stay downstairs during worship, hearing devices (to listen to the service) are available in the vestibule.

Cherub Choir

Danville Congregational Church Music Committee offers a cherub choir for children beginning at age 3. The cherub choir rehearses ½ hour before worship begins (9:30 - 10 a.m.) and performs in church 1-2 times monthly. Kim Larose is the director. Youth who have “outgrown” cherub choir are invited to join the adult choir (9:00 a.m. Sunday, 6:30 Thursday p.m.)

Curriculum

Danville Congregational Church uses “Seasons Of The Spirit”, an exciting resource to help youth and their leaders engage the Bible, explore the church and world, and experience faith in ever-deepening ways. Combined with several traditional Bible stories, we expect to provide a rich Christian education experience for our youth.

7-12th Grade Sunday School Program

Come together to explore the connections between one's faith and one's daily life. How is our Sunday morning service relevant to our lives, our homes, our community, and our world? How does one construct a meaningful and relevant faith? This facilitated group will use a youth directed approach to explore the question: Where does God go after the Sunday morning service is over? We meet the first 3 Sundays of each month.

Bible Study

We are excited to offer a weekly Bible study with focus discussion centered around the current lectionary scriptures. This group meets Monday evenings at 7:00 downstairs in the church.

Sunday School Teacher Training

On August 27, 2009 the Christian Education Committee will host a 7 p.m. Sunday School Teacher gathering at which the supports and expectations for teachers will be described and the goals of our Christian Education program will be detailed. Teachers will form a team for each Sunday School class. These teaching teams will work together to set and manage their schedule for the year and to create a cohesive, consistent routine for each class. Then they will begin planning and preparation for Sunday School classes.

The Christian Education Committee is also planning weekly Bible study focused on the passages to be covered in the next week's Sunday School lesson, and quarterly socials for Sunday School teachers to build community and enjoy each other's company. Our program is again focusing on conveying the curriculum in meaningful ways for our youth, and on building relationships between themselves and our youth and their families, between our youth and the congregation, between our youth and Jesus Christ, and our youth and God.

Our Established Group Covenants:

- We will follow the "Golden Rule": Treat other people the way that you would like to be treated by them.
- We will treat each other with respect and will avoid all forms of bullying.
- We will treat the church as God's house.