



*Our Church School kids.*

## Church Council Team Spotlight

### OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM

The Christian Education program here at First Congregational Church consists of three parts: our Church School program, Confirmation program, and Adult Education.

Our Church School program offers children 4K-7th grade an opportunity to explore a curriculum based on scripture passages explained in child friendly ways. Through our traditional Church School class, held the second Sunday of the month, we introduce the elements of the church service, share a lesson, and provide activities to reiterate the messages from the lessons. Our Kids Club meets the third Sunday of the month. The children begin the morning in the worship service and are excused following the special music. Together we review the story first introduced at Church School, and through music, art, and movement, look to further study the lesson.

Students in 8th grade are encouraged to participate in our Confirmation program. This year we will be leveraging guest speakers to teach our confirmands about the Bible, God, the Sacraments, and other topics as they explore their faith and what church means to them. Each month the Confirmation students will be learning the different ways they can provide service to their church community, helping during worship services. They will be taught how to usher, collect offering, read the scripture, and even help serve communion. The group will be participating in various service projects as they learn about community outreach. In May, the students will be invited to participate in our Confirmation Sunday where they become official members of the church.

Adult Education over the years has taken several different forms. Wednesday Lunch Group, adult retreats, book studies, and evening BBQs in the summer, have all been opportunities to learn and grow in faith. Shandy Roehrig is our current Christian Education Team Representative on Church Council. She welcomes you to join the team as well as speak to her if you have any ideas to add to our programming!

