OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM

Church School handing out treats in January 2020: Kylee Olson, Collette Olson, Claire Rychtik, Sarah Bloemer, Austin Wellenstein, Noah Roehrig, and Tina Olson.

It's time to start thinking about Church School and Confirmation! It has been a challenging year and a half for our church, and our Church School and Confirmation classes have been no different. With the start of a new program year, we are excited to be offering both once again. (see next page for Confirmation)

The Church School team has been working with Pastor Scott throughout the summer to start looking forward to and planning for a Church School curriculum that delivers our normal dose of engagement and fun for the kids, but also aligns with Pastor Scott's sermons throughout the month. We hope that this will allow our families to continue these learnings not just in church, but at home as well.

In case you missed it, we weren't just planning all summer long! We hosted 3 different family fun events throughout the summer, including coffee and treats at Possibility Playground, an ice cream social and family pool night, and a kickball and s'mores night. We've loved seeing our families and church friends come together, and we are looking forward to great things to come. (See page 16 for photos)

We'll see you soon! Savannah Anderson, Christian Education Chair

CHURCH SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 12

Our Church School program begins on Sunday morning, September 12, at 10:00. All children 4K through 7th grade are invited to participate! The theme for the month of September is the Creation Story. Please plan to come a few minutes early to register your children. The plan is to have the children gather inside and then head outside for various activities.

Church School meets on the second Sunday of each month at 10:00. We also celebrate a Family Service on the fourth Sunday of each month at 10:00. The first Family Service of the program year is on Sunday morning, September 26. The overall program continues to be planned and organized by our Church School Leadership Team. They welcome interested parents and church members to join the team!

START OF A NEW PROGRAM YEAR

NEW MEMBER CLASSES THIS MONTH - JOIN US!

Are you interested in joining our church? You are invited to stay after church on **September 12** and again on **September 19** for two informational classes with Pastor Scott, plus an opportunity to meet some of our church leaders and church members. On September 12 we will gather at 11:15 to spend some time getting to know one another, learning a little about the United Church of Christ; its history and traditions. On September 19 we will learn a little about our local church's history and our current ministry; the variety of ways that we have put our faith into action in the past and now in the present. Both classes will be held in the Dennett Room (off Fellowship Hall). On **September 26** all those who would like to join the church will do so during the 10:00 worship service (right alongside Pastor Scott who is joining the church too!). So, please plan to attend if you would like to join or, for those of you who are already members, feel free to participate if you would like a little "refresher" on our church's past and present ministry.

NURSERY CARE TO RESUME SEPTEMBER 12

Every Sunday morning during the 10:00 service we provide a nursery for children newborn through elementary age children. Care is provided by our 8th grade Confirmation students and their families. Parents are required to register their children, and to sign their children in and out of the nursery. We want to do our very best to make the nursery safe and secure.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR AFTER 8:00 & 10:00 SERVICES ON SEPTEMBER 12

To help celebrate the start of the program year, the Fellowship Team will be hosting Fellowship Hour on Sunday morning, September 12, following both the 8:00 and 10:00 services. They plan to serve coffee and refreshments outside.

There will be a Fellowship Hour following our 8:00 service on the first Sunday of each month (starting October 3), and following our 10:00 services on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

AA MEETS SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

An AA Group meets at our church every Sunday afternoon at 3:00. For more information, please contact the Church Office.