

# Shepherd's Tribune

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

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Monkeys are Swinging!  
Kangaroos are Hopping! Elephants are Stamping!  
Everyone's on Their Way Back  
for a New Year of Sunday School!

**WE'LL SEE YOU AUGUST 14!**



Something strange is happening in the Lower Level. Last week banana peels were found on the floors in the halls. One of our custodians didn't see them and slipped! Then someone in the elevator heard a sound like a lion's roar. Lions live in Africa, don't they? The weirdest thing so far has been in Ms. Wheel's office! She found the footprint of a hippopotamus by her desk! But when she tried to find the big guy, he was gone.

You need to get back to Sunday School to figure out what's going on. Has the Lower Level become a zoo? Do you think God is trying to teach us something through our animal friends? Come and check it out for yourself. Besides, it's time for you to be promoted to the next age/grade level. Your new teachers can't wait to meet you. See you August 14!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS ARE HERE

### 9 a.m. New Time!

2 Year Olds	Room A
3 Year Olds	Room B
4 Year Olds	Room C
Kindergarten	Room D
1st Grade	Room E
2nd & 3rd Grades	Room G
4th & 5th Grades	Room I

### 10:45 a.m.

2 & 3 Year Olds	Room A
4 Year Olds & Kindergarten	Room C
1st & 2nd Grades	Room E
3rd & 4th Grades	Room G
5th Grade	Room I

### Classes

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## SPIRITUAL MILESTONES

*We will not hide these truths from our children but will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord. Psalm 78:4 NLT*

The Bible makes it clear how important it is that each generation pass our faith down to the new generation. Yet, one hour of Sunday School each week is not enough time. That's why we developed our Spiritual Milestones Ministry. It is designed to give parents the tools they need to be the primary faith trainers of their children. Each month, children from a different age or grade level come together with their parents for an interactive workshop. Parents leave the workshops with a packet of useful Christian family activities to do together at home. Children leave with a special memento they have created with their parents during the workshop.

The workshops are listed below.

**September** - Preschool: Simple Ways to Bring Jesus Into Your Home

**October** - Third Grade: Bible Presentations and Bible Quiz Show

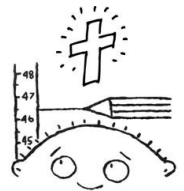
**November** - First Grade: Family Nights and Devotionals

**February** - Kindergartners: "Teach Me To Pray"

**March** - Second Grade: Making A Decision For Christ

**April** - Fourth Grade: The Sacrament of Communion

**May** - Fifth Grade: Preparing for Youth Ministry and Adolescence



Spiritual Milestones

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**IT'S GOING TO BE A ZOO  
IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
THIS YEAR!**

Do you like going to the zoo? Most of us enjoy the zoo because we get to see the animals God created. Animals are important in many Bible stories. This year in Children's Worship we're going to see and hear Bible stories through the eyes of the animals. During the skits, we'll learn that **things always work out better when we follow God's plan.**

Some of the Bible stories we will learn include:

- ☀ **The animals come to Adam to get named.** (We need to take care of what God gives us.)
- ☀ **The ravens bring food to Elijah.** (God provides when we are obedient.)
- ☀ **Daniel in the Lion's Den** (God provides courage to live for Him.)
- ☀ **Balaam's Donkey** (God provides warnings to help us make good choices.)
- ☀ **Jesus is the Good Shepherd, we are the sheep.** (God provided Jesus to lead and guide us.)
- ☀ **The Pig and the Prodigal Son** (God provides forgiveness.)
- ☀ **Noah's Ark** (God provides a plan for our future.)

**HEY, NEW FOURTH  
GRADERS!  
IT'S YOUR TURN TO  
BE AN ACOLYTE**

Fourth graders have the opportunity to serve as acolytes during the 10:45 a.m. service. Acolyte Coordinator Melissa Dryden will be visiting the 4th grade classroom on Sunday, August 14, to talk about what it means to be an acolyte. If your child decides to participate in the acolyte program, there will be a separate training meeting on August 21. Look for the postcard with the details in the mail. If you have any questions or don't get a postcard, please contact the church office at 297-7201.



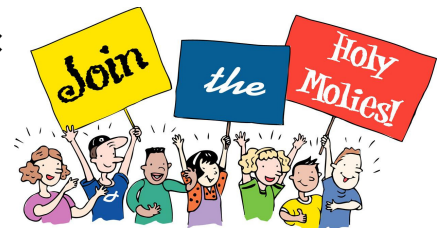
**BRANDI DIGNUM,  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR  
OLIVIA OGLESBY,  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**



We are thrilled to announce that we have found two wonderful teachers to direct our Children's Choirs! Brandi Dignum will be the new Director of our Children's Choirs. Assisting Brandi is Olivia Oglesby. Both Brandi and Olivia grew up at St. Andrew's and both sing in our Contemporary Worship Ensemble. But more than that, both are incredibly talented teachers who have a passion for music and working with children.

We have two Children's Choirs. The first is the Andy's Angels for children who are age 4-1st grade. The second choir is the Desert Doves for older children who are in 2nd-5th grades. Both choirs sing in the worship services and at special services such as Christmas Eve. They also play Orff instruments and bells. This year, our choirs will meet at a new time and day: Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. in Room F. We have new teachers at a new time. Let's see lots of new faces in choir this year!

**HOLY MOLIES:  
JUST FOR  
4TH & 5TH  
GRADERS!**



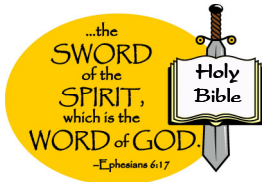
Fourth and fifth graders are special kids. They're not quite old enough for Youth Ministry, but they like to do some of the same things as teens. So, we've created a club just for them. They call themselves the "Holy Molics." They meet in Room F on the third Wednesdays of the month at 6 p.m. They always eat dinner together. Then after a short but powerful Bible study, they play crazy games. After that they do some type of mission/service project.

Holy Molics are encouraged to bring 4th and 5th grade friends from their neighborhood or school. Director Barbara Wheeler is the leader of the group, but parent volunteers are needed each meeting to help with dinner and games. Look for monthly reminder postcards or the website to find out themes and special activities. Don't miss the first meeting of the 2011-2012 school year on August 17.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL**

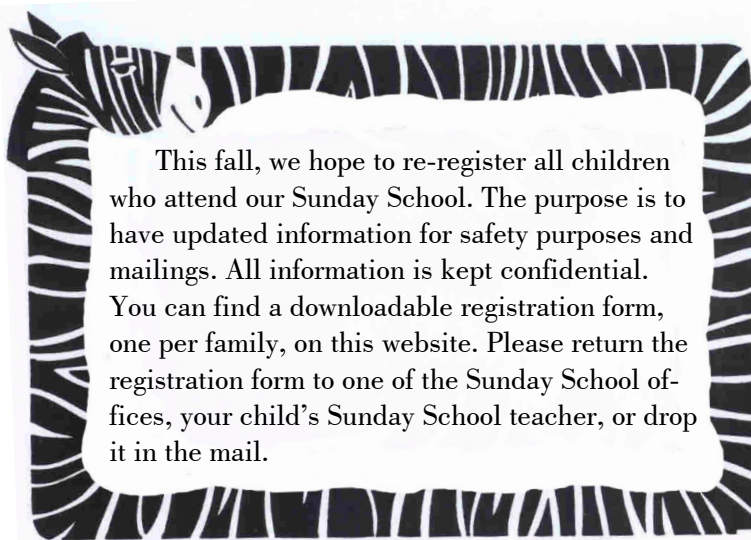
Speaking of Wednesday nights...every Wednesday from September 14—November 16, something special is planned for the St. Andrew's family: weekly kids programs, a variety of adult discussion forums & studies, choir practice, and Middle School Youth Group. Your entire family can join with others! More info to come in late August.

## THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES ON OCTOBER 23 DURING WORSHIP



On October 23 our 3rd grade students will be presented with their very own Bibles during the 9 and 10:45 a.m. service. They will receive a copy of one of the best selling children's Bibles, "The

Hands On Bible" from Group Publishers. This year, parents are invited to come to class with their students after they get their Bible for "Spiritual Milestones for 3rd Graders." Together, parents and 3rd graders will get to display their knowledge of Bible facts during our new Bible Quiz Show. At the end of the hour, everyone will enjoy punch and cake.



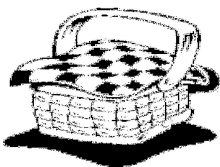
This fall, we hope to re-register all children who attend our Sunday School. The purpose is to have updated information for safety purposes and mailings. All information is kept confidential. You can find a downloadable registration form, one per family, on this website. Please return the registration form to one of the Sunday School offices, your child's Sunday School teacher, or drop it in the mail.

## BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO THE BIG PICNIC!

(It's like Autumn Daze, but BIGGER)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**

**1-3:30 P.M. AT RIVERFRONT PARK**



Autumn Daze has been a great event for children and their parents for many years, but other age groups wanted to get in on the fun too. So this year, all age groups at St. Andrew's are invited to get together for THE BIG PICNIC where there's lots of room to be together: Riverfront Park! First, we'll gobble down hot dogs and eat side dishes and desserts we brought to share with each other. After that, the children will enjoy some of the games they've enjoyed at Autumn Daze. As always, they'll get loads of candy and prizes! To add to the fun, we'll play old fashioned games like baseball and 3-legged races. Put it on your calendar!

## K'DEO: BIGGER, BETTER, AND GREENER

If the kids have been moping around the living room all summer waiting for something fun and exciting (and green) to happen, good news—the wait is over! Bernard, Chaz, Roobee, Raton, Ramón, Jammer, Grizzlies... they're all coming back Sunday, August 14! If you have never seen K'Deo before, all I can say is *this* is the year to come check it out! There will be even more surprises, special guests, music, games, and surprises each week! The shows happen every Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. in Friendship Hall on the NE campus.

Then on Friday, September 9, join us at 6:30 p.m. for our annual K'Deo kickoff celebration! There will be great new music, games, ice cream, and more. Plus, Bernard and the gang will be introducing their brand new theme for the year—SUPERHEROES! This will be an event you won't want to miss, so be sure and mark your calendars. And be sure to bring a friend (or three)!

### Vacation Bible School

### Mission Project 2011:

## SONSURF KIDS SEND AN OCEAN FULL OF MONEY TO FIRE RECOVERY FUND AT TORTOLITA PRESBYTERIAN!

When the 460 children who attended our VBS this year learned about the fire which destroyed the Children's Sunday School classrooms at Tortolita Presbyterian Church last spring, they surfed into action. They raised \$5,330 for the Tortolita Fire Recovery Fund. The majority of the money came from the children who brought hands full of coins to our "Sandcastle Bank" each day of VBS. We are very proud of them. They have demonstrated how to love others as Jesus loves us.



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Time to come back  
to Sunday School

## WORKS.H.O.P. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 14**

Fall Sunday School begins at  
9 & 10:45 a.m.

Children promoted to new grade levels  
K'Deo begins at 10:15 a.m.  
Children of all ages

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17**

Holy Molies

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 18**

Children's Choir rehearsals begin  
Room F at 6 p.m.  
Andy's Angels (ages 4—1st grade)  
Desert Doves (2nd—5th grade)

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

K'Deo Kick-Off  
6:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

Children Choirs sing at 9 & 10:45 a.m.

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

Children's Worship in Room F

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

Holy Molies

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

Spiritual Milestones for 3 & 4 year olds  
in Room F at 9 & 10:45 a.m.

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**

Children's Worship in Room F  
Children Choirs sing at 9 & 10:45 a.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19**

Holy Molies

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

3rd grade Bible presentations  
at 9 & 10:45 a.m.  
Spiritual Milestones for 3rd graders in  
Room F at 9:15 & 11 a.m.

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**

Children Choirs sing at 9 & 10:45 a.m.  
The Big Picnic  
Games, food, and fun for the whole family!  
1-3:30 p.m. at Riverfront Park

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

Children's Worship in Room F

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

Holy Molies

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

Spiritual Milestones for 1st graders in  
Room F at 9 & 10:45 a.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

Thanksgiving Eve Worship  
Time & place at St. Andrew's TBA

All Two-Year Olds  
are invited to come to  
Sunday School!

If your child will turn two by  
September 1, he or she is invited  
to leave the nursery and join the  
Sunday School. At both 9 and  
10:45 a.m., the two-year olds  
meet in Room A.