

## About Children

*“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”* (Mark 10:14)

The question is not whether there is a role or place in church for children and young people. They are a part of what makes us whole; as a family of God, as a community of faith. Without their energy, curiosity, and challenging questions we ‘grown-ups’ can easily be lulled into a “comfortable faith”. Jesus didn’t just invite children; he challenged adults to reimagine God, through the eyes of children. “Unless you turn around and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven!” (Mark 10:15)

When children and their parent(s) feel welcomed and accepted, church becomes part of the fabric of their lives. It should never be a question of whether they are too young for church – they belong! And we are richly blessed by their presence.



## About us

Programs during the 10:30 a.m. service follow the Dean's children's talk:

- **Nursery for infants to age five:** big on play time with a short lesson, assisted craft and snack, led by Karen Cooper. The nursery space includes a child-sized bathroom and lots of toys.
- **Boys, six to eight:** lessons with drama, games and crafts, with playtime, led by Anne-Marie Smith.
- **Girls, six to eight:** lessons told in a variety of ways, crafts and lots of conversation, led by Elissa Barnard.
- **Group class, nine to 11:** lessons that are more intellectually based with hands-on activities, led by Gay Hauser
- **Group class, 12 and up:** a more challenging program of teaching with outreach work, church service participation and communion (if there is interest), led by Bill Black and Andrew Black.



## More about us

Sunday School programs run from the first Sunday after Labour Day (registration day) until early to mid-June.

Children are always welcome to attend programs whether they come to church regularly or not. Children are welcome to bring a friend if they wish.

During summer and Feast Days, the nursery is open at all Services with parental supervision. (Please put toys back as you found them since the nursery is also a meeting space.) Activity bags are available from the Greeters for children remaining in church during the Service.



## Three more things about us

Inclusion is important to us as we strive to make all youth feel welcome.

Flexibility is key to our programming.

Community is important. Classes team up for group lessons, and for craft and bake sales held twice a year as fundraisers for human and animal charities.

If you would like to volunteer some time, please contact The Dean.

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The Sunday School program exists with the support of the Dean, parents and the congregation.



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where Christ's peace and justice are  
sought, where God is worshipped with  
heart, mind and voice*

## Children & Youth Ministries



***Having fun while learning  
about God's love***

*Teach children how they should live, and they  
will remember it all their lives.*  
(Proverbs 22:6)

*But now I'm six, I'm clever as clever  
So I think I'll be six for ever and ever.*  
A. A. Milne

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