

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE REPORT

TO SESSION

April 19, 2023

No Action Items for Session

Event at Earth & Spirit Center was wonderful. There were 13 children and 6 parents who attended.

Upcoming Events:

ROOTS

- April 16 – Children put together hygiene kits for Presbyterian Relief.
- May 7 – Fun and Games with Nolan (and put together more hygiene kits if needed)
- May 21 – Baby Shower for Change Today Change Tomorrow. Martha in charge of this.
- Tween Camp April 28/29 at Camp Cedar Ridge. We need chaperones. Rhonda will continue to work on recruiting help. The youth we reached out to aren't available. Could use youth or adults.

OTHER EVENTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE

- Monthly Family Events this summer. Rhonda will pick dates for a Family Movie Night (a Friday night) and a Fun at Tyler Park afternoon. She will work with the rest of the staff to make sure scheduling doesn't conflict with other events.
- August 6 we will hold a Back-to-School fun afternoon/evening. Time TBD.
- VBS - The theme hasn't been selected yet. It was suggested that as soon as we have a theme, it be advertised, and we start recruiting teachers/helpers. Rhonda will try to select a theme in the next couple of weeks.
- 5 th Graders Bible Covers. Laura Devlin has favorite colors for all ten of our rising 6 th graders and will begin painting covers. They will be given to students sometime in May.

Worship Alternatives. The Children's Committee would like to begin a discussion with staff and/or Worship and Spiritual Life Committee about alternatives to worship for families. Two ideas suggested were a change in time for children's Sunday School and Express Church (for adults while their kids are in SS). It was also suggested perhaps we have a gathering (childcare provided) for parents, staff, and Worship and Spiritual Life Committee so that concerns and ideas can be shared. Rhonda said that she would reach out to Nolan and Megan about the best possible way to do this.

The Children's Committee is working towards gathering information from parents and children to share with the Personnel Committee as they search for permanent leadership for the Children's and Youth groups. We plan to distribute a questionnaire to parents to be completed no later than May 8th.

Submitted by Nancy Owen