

## **Children's Ministries Conference Report 2019**

### **Purpose of the Commission:**

To model and plan for opportunities of intergenerational and inter-congregational support to young families as they develop personal relationships with God and their church family.

### **How does the purpose of the commission help fulfill the mission of FUMC?**

We seek to "grow loving communities of faith centered on Jesus" by building intergenerational relationships throughout our church community. We provide weekly opportunities for faith development and encourage a service mindset throughout the church and wider community.

### **What are your activities/programs/ ministries/ accomplishments for the year?**

This year, with its many changes, has been one of re-organization and strengthening. At the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Church Council, a proposal was made to dissolve the "combined Family Ministry" back into two separate entities; the Children's Ministry and the Youth Ministry.

After graduating several children into the re-vamped Youth program, we currently have twenty-five registered children in the program which serves individuals birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The vast majority of our kids are active on a weekly basis and eagerly participate in "Big Church" on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of each month.

### ***Our activities and accomplishments include:***

- \* Re-painting/Re-carpeting of Giffen House Sunday School rooms at Stony Point.
- \* New Methodist based curriculum (Deep Blue) which features an interactive app for weekly Sunday School
- \* 2<sup>nd</sup> week "Family Sunday"
- \* Advent/Christmas Play worship presentation
- \* Coordination of the Giving Tree
- \* Snowflake Bazaar Participation
- \* World Communion All-Church Breakfast
- \* Harvest Festival
- \* Palm Sunday Breakfast and Palm Processional
- \* Community Easter Egg Hunt
- \* Mother's and Father's Day Special Gifts
- \* Breakfast for Safe Parking Program
- \* Monthly Family Fun activities
- \* All Church Potluck and Movie Nights
- \* Blessing of the Backpacks
- \* 5<sup>th</sup> week Service Sunday projects
- \* Originally written Vacation Bible School
- \* Sponsorship of 9 students to Camp Lodestar
- \* Collaboration on Spring Fling
- \* Blessing Bags
- \* Acolyte Program

### **What are your goals and plans for the next year?**

- Increase service project opportunities
- Continue to deepen connections with the FUMC preschool families
- Continue to develop common ministry partnerships with circuit churches
- Engage relationships with neighborhood young families