

**REPORT TO CHURCH COUNCIL of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SANTA ROSA, CA
January 2019**

Name of Commission/Committee/Group:

Children and Youth Family Ministries Commission

Members of the Commission/Committee/Group:

Su Rood-Cox, Lisa Sereni, Sonda Anderson, Carolyn Derr, Cathie Bryan, Lisa Brazie-Barker, Holly Ficher, Litia Veisa, Pastor Lori Sawdon, (staff) Elizabeth Walton (staff-chair)

Meetings are held

Monthly on 3rd Mondays, 6:30-8:00pm , Giffen House (or a members' home)

Purpose of the Commission/Committee/Group: (If your group relates to one of the six areas of SHIFT, note that.)

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 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 last year?

This year, with its many changes, has been one of re-organization and strengthening. Currently, we have upwards of twenty children in the program, the vast majority of whom are active on a weekly basis. Additionally, we have welcomed four new Commission members including a lesson to the Fijian Language Ministry.

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
- * 2nd week "Family Sunday" where families worship together and children volunteer to take an active participatory role in the worship service.
- * Christmas Play worship presentation
- * Coordination of the Giving Tree
- * Advent Soup Suppers/ Crafts
- * Snowflake Bazaar

- * Fall All-Church Breakfast
- * Harvest Festival
- * Summer months Family Fun activities
- * 5th week Service Sunday projects
- * Camp Noah for fire-survivors
- * FUMC and Windsor UMC Vacation Bible School
- * Camp Lodestar
- * Collaboration with UMW on Spring Fling
- * Easter Breakfast
- * Blessing Bags

What are your goals and plans for the next year?

- Deepen connections with the FUMC preschool families
- Continue to develop common ministry partnerships with circuit churches
- Engage relationships with neighborhood young families

What goals or benchmarks have you set to measure success/effectiveness?

Becoming a disciple of Jesus is a very personal endeavor and its success is ultimately measured by God. However, as we offer paths to help facilitate discipleship, we can expect to see an eagerness for new learning, increased attendance and active participation in service opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,
~Elizabeth Walton