

# 2018-19 KIDSCONNECT SUNDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP	CHILDCARE	SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDSCONNECT
8:30am	3 months - 4 years	n/a
9:45am	3 months - 3 years	4 years - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
11:10am	3 months - 4 years	K - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade

KidsConnect (aka Sunday School) will introduce kids to ways to connect with God through prayer, worship, and fellowship with their faith community! Throughout the week we hope kids will connect with Jesus by using their Deep Blue Bible and other parent and family resources. Family devotions will be sent home, plus parents can download the Bible App on their phones to help kids connect to the weekly Bible Story and scripture.



## OUR VISION

### 2018-19 Theme: Love God, Love Neighbors (Mark 12:30-31)

Children are an essential ministry as they are the future of our church. Therefore, we believe that it is the responsibility of the entire congregation to nurture their spiritual growth.

### Our Children and Family Ministries...

... is **Christ centered**. The curriculum is Bible based and relevant to children's lives.

...**encourages relationships**. We help children discover their relationship with God. We want every child to be known and loved, and to build lasting friendships.

...**believes all God's children are graced by the Holy Spirit**. Through worship, prayer, study and intentional service, we foster children's spiritual growth.

...**places a high priority on safety and security**. We provide children with a safe, fun and welcoming place to explore their personal relationships with God. All our volunteers have background checks, and are PA safe child certified.

"Allow the children to come to me," Jesus said. "Don't forbid them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people like these children." Then Jesus blessed the children."  
-Matthew 19:14-15

## The Children's Spiritual Growth Ministry Team

- Jane Deacon
- Diane DeSieno-Lane  
*Elder • Co-Chair*
- Rhoda McNitt  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Level Coordinator*
- Suzanne McCouch  
*Mentor Trainer*
- Michelle Parlamen  
*Preschool Grade Level Coordinator*
- Kathy Smedley  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Level Coordinator*
- Jane Wendel  
*5<sup>th</sup> Grade Level Coordinator*
- Paul Zamrowski  
*Elder • Co-Chair*



## Parents Connect by Serving

The Children's Spiritual Growth Team would love to partner with you so you can share your gifts with children and families at Westminster. Our ability to offer these programs depends upon individuals who care about children and wish to see them grow in their faith. If you're interested in sharing our vision and wish to serve Christ through serving children and families, please contact Sue Spotts.

We welcome volunteers to serve on:

- Children's Ministry Team
- Grade Level Coordinators
- KidsConnect Support team
- Bible Celebration
- VBS Leadership Team
- Intergenerational Workshops/Events
- Family Movie Nights
- Seasonal Events

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You will love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these".  
-Mark 12:30-31



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# CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
**2018-19**





# SAVE THE DATE

**SEPT 9 • 9:30 OR 11AM**  
**kickoff sunday**

Join us as we kickoff the new year with the fall KidsConnect ministry. Meet and greet your teachers before worship.

**SEPT 23 • 9-11:30AM**  
**ministry fair**

Come see what activities and ministries Westminster is offering for families this year.

**SEPT 30**  
**commitment sunday**

Bring your pledge card to dedicate our giving for next year.

**DEC 24**  
**christmas eve**

*Christmas Eve Services: 10am • 3pm • 5pm • 7pm • 9pm • 11pm*

Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with us.

**JAN 6**  
**epiphany sunday**

Wise Men visit KidsConnect. What gift did they bring Baby Jesus?

**MARCH 6 • 6PM**  
**ash wednesday**

Join us for a pancake dinner before Ash Wednesday worship.

**APRIL 14 • 5-7PM**  
**palm sunday**

Wave your palms as we celebrate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Start of Holy Week on Sunday morning and then join us for an evening service of prayer and reflection followed by dinner.

**APRIL 18 • 7PM**  
**maundy thursday**

Gather with community to eat with Jesus at His last meal.

**APRIL 21**  
**easter sunday**

*Easter Services: 6am • 8:30am • 10am • 11:30am*

Join us as we worship our risen Lord. Help decorate the Easter flower cross throughout the morning.

**MAY 26**  
**kidsconnect spring session ends**

Celebrate the last Sunday before summer KidsConnect Large Group Sunday School.

**JUNE 9**  
**pentecost**

Wear red, orange or yellow and join us for summer large group Sunday.

# KIDS CONNECT SUNDAY



# PRESCHOOL CHILDCARE

**SUNDAY MORNINGS • 8AM-12:30PM**

Childcare is available for children between the ages of six weeks and three years old during worship services, and for some of our weekly church programs. For more info, CONTACT PATRICE STILLEY (CHILDCARE@WESTMINSTERPC.ORG).



# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**SUNDAY MORNINGS • 9:45 & 11:10AM**

Children will attend worship with their families. Following the "Thought For Children" they will go to KidsConnect (aka Sunday School). Our curriculum is Deep Blue Kids.



# 3RD GRADE BIBLES

To encourage children to read the Bible we present each 3<sup>rd</sup> grade child with a gift each fall - their own Bible!

**OCT 21 • 11:10AM**  
**parent class & pizza party**

Parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders meet in the Site for an informational class followed by a family pizza party. LED BY SUE SPOTTS (SSPOTTS@WESTMINSTERPC.ORG)

**OCT 28 • 9:45 & 11:10AM**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> graders receive bibles**

3<sup>rd</sup> Graders receive Bibles at worship services followed by a Bible Party Celebration in KidsConnect Sunday School.

# FAMILY EVENTS

**OCT 19 • 6-8:30PM**  
**family fall fest**

Join us for an evening of fall activities with family and friends.

Dinner provided.

**DEC 2, 9, 16 & 23**  
**live nativity**

Become a part of the Christmas Story as children reenact the nativity scene between services.

**DEC 9 • 5-7PM**  
**advent worship**

Join us for this intergenerational evening worship gathering shared over a meal as we await the coming of the Christ child.

**DEC 22 • 8:30-10AM**  
**st. nick's breakfast**

Join us for a pancake breakfast with St. Nick before KidsJAM musical practice.

**FEB 23 • 8:30-11:30AM**  
**family communion workshop**

Gather with your faith community to learn about the Lord's Supper.

**MARCH 15 • 6-8:30 PM**  
**family movie night**

Relax after a long week by joining us for a family movie night with friends and family. Dinner provided.

**APRIL 6 • 3-6PM & APRIL 7**  
**kids art show: IMAGING GOD, JESUS & THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

Come see artwork created by Westminster children at our first kids' art show, and join us for a concert with our KidsJAM and youth choir.

# PARENT CONNECT

**SUNDAYS • 8:30AM**  
**coffee connect**

Gather together in fellowship on Sunday mornings for coffee.

Enjoy discussions on life, God and being a parent.

**SUNDAYS, SEPT 23 - NOV 11 • 8:30-9:45AM**  
**small group fall session**

We want to make life easier for you. Join us for an eight week study called, *Boundaries with Kids*. For more info, CONTACT SUE SPOTTS, (SSPOTTS@WESTMINSTERPC.ORG).



# PARENT WORKSHOPS

**OCT 2 • 7-8PM**  
**student guide to communication/self presentation**

Geared for parents of 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders: recommendations, relationships, resumes and interviews. Part of Cognella series of student success. Childcare provided.

**NOV 11 • 5-7PM**  
**no manual, no problem**

Geared for families of K-12<sup>th</sup> graders: guides you in strategies and interventions to help your child thrive in today's world. Childcare provided.

**TBA • SPRING 2019**  
**acts of kindness**

Based on *Acts of Kindness* by Lisa Barrickman. Details coming in early spring.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JUNE 17-21, 2019 • 9AM-12PM**  
**vacation bible school**

Save the date! Children ages 5-5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to ROAR! Where Life is Wild!. Parents and older siblings are encouraged to volunteer. Registration opens on April 1. Interested in joining the planning team? CONTACT SUE SPOTTS (SSPOTTS@WESTMINSTERPC.ORG).

# MISSION & OUTREACH

**OCT**  
**sock it to us**

Help Westminster collect socks for homeless and disadvantaged people in Chester County by bringing in new socks. Questions?

CONTACT BURT ROTHENBERGER (BFROTHEN@VERIZON.NET).

**OCT 28 • 8AM-8PM**  
**rise against hunger**

Spend an hour packing meals for hungry families around the world.

**DEC 18 • 6-8:30PM**  
**caroling in the homes**

Help us lead a time of caroling at Pembroke Nursing Home and Brandywine Hall. Questions? CONTACT ANN HATFIELD (AHATFIELD@WESTMINSTERPC.ORG.)

**JAN 21 • 9-11:30AM**  
**mlkj day mission possible**

Participate in a family mission project - packing lunches for safe harbor.

**APRIL TBA • 9-11:30AM**  
**creek clean up**

Join in cleaning the area around our local creeks. Gloves, bags, and refreshments provided. Questions? CONTACT SUE BRUEGEL (SUEBRUE@VERIZON.NET)

**APRIL-SEPTEMBER**  
**gleaning garden**

Our garden provides fresh produce to the West Chester Food Cupboard and Broad Street Ministry. Sign up on the sheet on the Outreach Bulletin Board by Spellman Hall. Questions? CONTACT JOHN GRILLO (JOHNGRILLO@YAHOO.COM).



# KIDSJAM

**WEDNESDAYS • 4:30-6PM**  
**choir**

*Worship Dates: Oct. 7, Nov. 18, Feb. 24, April 14*

K-5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join Mr. Bob for KidsJam choir. Go to westminsterpc.org/worship/music-ministry for more info.

**DEC 22 • 3PM**  
**kidsJAM christmas musical**

Our children's choir puts on a musical to celebrate the Christmas season.

**APRIL 6 • 4PM**  
**kidsJAM musical**

KidsJAM choir ends their year with a exciting musical for all to hear!