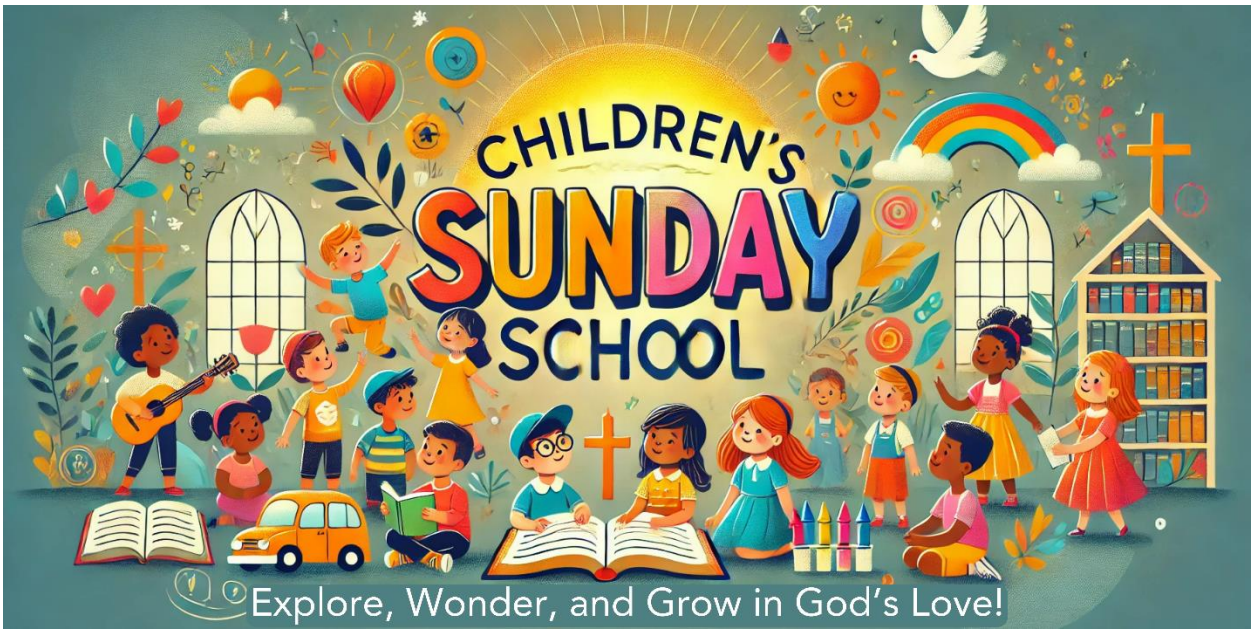

Sunday Mornings at 9:15!

Our Preschool (Age 2 to PreK 5), Younger Elementary (Kindergarten to 2nd Grade), and Older Elementary (3rd to 5th Grade) children will meet for Sunday school to explore Bible stories, engage in meaningful activities, and grow in their faith through age-appropriate lessons and hands-on learning. **The preschool class will meet in Room 305, the younger elementary class will meet in Room 214, and the older elementary class will meet in Room 212.**

GODLY PLAY

Preschool and Younger Elementary Sunday School

Preschool and Younger Elementary classes will use the Godly Play curriculum to explore Bible stories through imaginative and interactive storytelling. Classes will begin in Room 304 and end their time in their separate classrooms.

What is Godly Play?

Godly Play is a Montessori-inspired approach to children's faith formation that invites them to explore Bible stories with wonder and imagination.

How It Supports Children's Spiritual Growth:

- **Engages Through Storytelling**: Uses hands-on materials to bring Bible stories to life.
- **Encourages Reflection**: Prompts children to wonder and connect personally with God's story.
- **Fosters Spiritual Growth**: Builds foundational skills for prayer, worship, and lifelong faith.
- **Creates a Safe Space**: Provides a calm, welcoming environment for creativity and community.

Godly Play nurtures children's faith by helping them see themselves as part of God's story in a meaningful and joyful way.

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Bible Study

Older Elementary Sunday School

The Older Elementary class will use the Colaborate: New Testament curriculum. The Colaborate: New Testament curriculum provides older children with engaging lessons that foster exploration, discussion, and a deeper understanding of Scripture.

Colaborate helps students answer the question, “so what?”

Allows students to discover the richness of the New Testament using proven learning methods such as problem-based learning.

Changes the way students think about faith and the Bible

Helps children take an honest look at the holy mystery and the complexity of Scripture to move them onto a path of growth and discovery.

Is a quality curriculum created by United Methodists

Know your students will learn from a deep, thought-provoking curriculum created by United Methodist theologians, practitioners, and artists.

Frolic Nursery: Little Steps, Big Faith

Our Nursery aged children (Birth to 1 year) will explore Frolic Nursery lessons. Drawing on brain science as well as theology, Frolic was designed by early childhood experts to build faith through play in babies, toddlers, and young children from birth to age five. Frolic uses Bible lessons, music, and play to help build a firm Faith foundation.

Start faith formation at birth

Uses a curriculum-based on early childhood best practices to help your little ones to take little steps to big faith—starting at birth.

Focuses on learning at their level

Frolic's curriculum focuses on helping young children explore faith concepts in the way they know best— through play!

Equips caregivers to nurture faith

Equips leaders and parents to nurture faith in many ways—through storytelling, prayers, and music.

Kids Connection this Wednesday!

Need a break from a hectic week? Don't feel like cooking? Searching for community? Bring your family to Wednesday Night Together! Children will meet from 6:00-7:00 for a time of connection, fun and games, and life application in Room 304.

Upcoming Events!

February Little Lights and G.L.O.W. Kids Meet-Up!

Little Lights

This service/fellowship group is for families with children age birth to 2nd grade. This is a family friendly group! Adults must remain with their child throughout the duration of the event. Invite a friend! Click here for the Spring 2025 schedule.

- **February 22nd at 5-6 p.m.**- Little Lights and their families will make valentines and deliver them to residents of The Rutherford Assisted Living. Please RSVP to Hillary Ward by **Monday, February 17th**.
- **Save the Date-** March 16th at 4-5 p.m. – We Rock the Spectrum Gym Murfreesboro. More information to follow.

G.L.O.W. Kids

This service/fellowship group is for children in 3rd – 5th grade. Invite a friend! Click here for the Spring 2025 schedule.

- **February 22nd at 5 p.m.-** Glow Kids and their friends are invited to a lock-in in St. Mark's gym! There will be pizza, fun, and games for all. Don't forget to pack church clothes and an air mattress or sleeping bag. Please RSVP to Hannah Pratt by **Monday, February 17th**.
- **March 29th-30th-** Be Retreat at Cedar Crest Camp. See the information below.

Cedar Crest Camp's Be Retreat! March 29-30, 2025

All 3rd-5th graders are invited to join us for a weekend of worshipping, playing, and connection! We will depart from St. Mark's at 8 a.m. on the 29th and return by 1:00 p.m. on the 30th. Registration is $130 and should be paid to St. Mark's UMC. Please register your child here as soon as possible.

SAFER SANCTUARIES
Nurturing Trust within Faith Communities

Help St. Mark's be a Safe Sanctuary to all people entrusted to our care!

- Keep empty rooms locked
- Sign children in and out of classrooms
- Supervise your children at all times
- Accompany your children to the Restroom

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- Accompany your children to the Restroom
- Help us observe the two-adult rule at all times by serving as a Safe Sanctuaries helper
- If you see any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate, inform a ministry leader

Please contact Hannah Pratt at hannah@stmarkstn.org if you have any questions.
Follow our St. Mark's Children's Ministry Facebook page and Instagram @stmarkstnkids for more information!

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