

Additional Opportunities

Acolytes

4th-8th graders train and serve as acolytes, assisting at the 9:30 am service. Contact Jessica Bryson, jbryson2006@yahoo.com.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

PVUMC sponsors a MOPS group, which meets throughout the year. Visit: <http://www.mops.org/groups/pvumc>.



Children's Music Programs

Music Makers is a weekly after-school group who meets 4:30-5:30 pm on Wednesdays during the school year. Students who are in 1st-6th grade play orff instruments, bells, and sing.

Mini-Singers welcomes children age 3-kindergarten, Sundays, 10:30-10:55 am in E9. They have mini concerts following worship in December and May. Contact Shari Paris for more information.

For More Information

Deacon and Director of Family Ministry

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Child Care Coordinator

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Music for Elementary Students

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Music for Preschoolers

Mini-Singers, (age 3-K) Shari Paris
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For more information visit:

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Children and Family Ministries



"Anyone who welcomes a little child like this in my name is welcoming me, and anyone who welcomes me is welcoming my Father who sent me!"

-Mark 9:37



CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Sunday Mornings

9:30 am-Sunday Classes

2 years old - 12th grade

PVUMC's curriculum includes Biblical stories and events enhanced by music, crafts and service projects. Check signs for class locations. Youth have a different curriculum and schedule. For 5th-7th graders, Squad 57, contact Rachel Smith, coordinator, 915.204.0071 or rachel@pvumc.org. For senior high youth, 8th-12th graders, contact Sam Henderson, sam@pvumc.org or 480.773.4009.

11 am-IGNITE Worship

A Pre-K/Kindergarten Class meets in E12/13. Children are welcome in worship; we even have a children's corner. Pick up a Praise Bag for your child as you enter. Return the bag at the end for a refill.

Worship Tips for Parents

- Pick up a children's bulletin or praise bag for your child.
- Sit toward the front so they can see and hear better, or next to the children's area in the chapel.
- Quietly explain what is happening.
- Model worship for your child to follow.
- Feel free to step out, but do come back.

Nursery/Child Care

All worship services offer childcare free of charge for children 6 weeks up to 5 years. We offer age-level classes at the 9:30 am hour and Kindergarten and Pre-K at 11:00. For other events, you may reserve childcare by calling 602.840.8360, ext. 134, 48 hours in advance of your program, class or meeting to ensure a spot for your child(ren).

For the Family

Change the World Day

One Sunday each year we take PVUMC out of the building and into the community to serve. Families with children are invited to serve and be God's love in action on campus or off.

Family Sundays

Look for family-oriented, interactive worship services on holiday Sundays when we encourage families to worship together in lieu of classes. Sing, pray and listen to God's word together in God's house.



Trunk or Treat

Bring your decorated car trunk and wear your costume. Enjoy safe trick-or-treating with your children! Enjoy food, games, music, crafts, and a haunted house.

Christmas Wonderland

Eat cookies and drink hot cocoa, play in the bounce house, visit Santa, make arts & crafts, and enjoy family time. Hosted by the Fellowship Ministry Team, the same group that organizes Trunk or Treat.

Easter Carnival

On the Saturday before Easter, enjoy games, egg hunts, crafts and bounce houses for preschool and elementary-age children.

Special Events

Worship

Palm Sunday Processional

The Sunday before Easter, children parade through 9:30am worship waving palms.

3rd Graders Receive Bibles

Bibles are presented to 3rd graders in August. Parents and children attend the "Bible Blast" workshop.



Camps

Mingus Mountain Camp

Third graders and up are invited to participate in summer camps. Check it out: www.mingusmountaincamp.org

Vacation Bible Camp/Sportball

Preschoolers through entering 6th graders experience learning through Bible stories, crafts, music and recreation, one week every July at VBC. A multi-sports camp is offered in the afternoon.

Summer Sunday Camp

Join us for special programs offered throughout the summer during the 9:30 am Sunday School hour.