

Nursery-High School

Special Dates

- * **Sunday, Nov. 12**
Youth Choir sings; JONAH Anniversary Sunday; pageant rehearsal, 11:15; confirmation, 6:00 p.m.
- * **Monday, Nov. 13**
Welcome Home-Transgender Youth, 6:30 p.m., Ingram Hall
- * **Sunday, Nov. 19**
Fruit Ingathering for shut-ins; Thanksgiving dinner after worship; pageant rehearsal, 11:30, chapel
- * **Sunday, Dec. 3**
No Sunday school grades 2-8; pageant rehearsal, 11:15; Hanging of the Greens and Advent Tea after worship
- * **Sunday, Dec. 10**
Choral Sunday; no Sunday school gr. 2-8; pageant rehearsal, 11:15, chapel
- * **Sunday, Dec. 17**
Christmas pageant; no Sunday school
- * **Sunday, Dec. 24**
No Sunday school; 10:00 a.m. worship; 5:30 p.m. family worship service; 8:00 p.m. worship

First Congregational Church: Nursery-High School
Eau Claire, WI

November 12, 2017

Pageant Rehearsals Begin

Christmas pageant rehearsals begin on Sunday, November 12, after worship in the chapel. Church member John Murphy custom-writes a creative script to include all children who auditioned for a part. Rehearsals will be held after worship on Sundays (no rehearsal on November 26), some December Wednesday evenings, and the Saturday before the pageant. It will be performed during worship on December 17.

Contact: Shannon Joshi, shannonj@firstucceauclaire.org.



Transgender Youth Support Discussion



Join Welcome Home (LGBTQ+) on Monday, November 13, at 6:30 p.m. in Ingram Hall for a facilitated discussion about the unique challenges faced by transgender and gender-expansive children and adolescents. Discussion will include helpful resources and supportive actions for families and friends. First Congregational UCC member Annette Copa, MSW, LCSW, psychotherapist at Mayo Clinic Health Systems-Eau Claire, will lead the conversation.

Hanging of the Greens

Our annual Hanging of the Greens tradition on Sunday, December 3, will clothe the sanctuary in the season's greenery. At noon, after the Advent Tea, boxes of ornaments and lights will be ready for families to work together to decorate the "big" trees. Hot chocolate, snacks and a soup lunch will hold families over until nap time. If your family could get out the ornament boxes and ladders or prepare soup or snacks, contact Shannon Joshi, shannonj@firstucceauclaire.org.



Preschool, K-1 November 12: Samuel Listens

Preschool

- Location: nursery, 10:00
- Leaders: Katie Griffith, Brittany Hattrem, Emma and Eliza Wiegel
- Pick up children

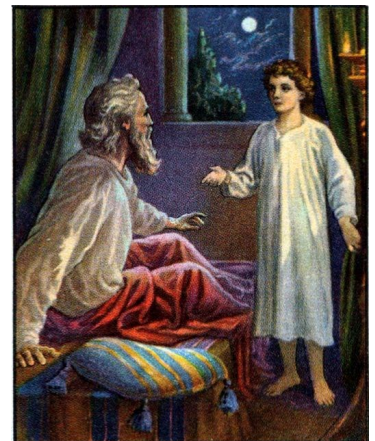
K-1

- Location: K-1 room, 10:15
- Leaders: Shana Schmidt, Maddie Falkner
- Pick up children

In 1 Samuel 3: 1-21, God calls out to young Samuel as he lies in bed. Samuel's story prompts children to think about how we hear God. His messages for us are in the Bible. We might have a strong feeling about doing good things or feel bad when we do something wrong. Those feelings can be God's way of talking to us. If God were to talk to us, what might God say?

Preschool: Sponge-paint Samuel's bed and make listening ears. Play a Listening Ears game.

K-1: Make a Samuel Listens diorama and Sleeping Samuel watercolor art. Listen to and identify sounds; what might God sound like?



Grades 2-5 November 12: Isaiah

Grades 2-3: Isaiah Video Live

Leader: Emily Ruth

Shepherd: Laura Bergh

Location: Thou Art, 10:15

View the opening scene of Disney's *The Lion King*. Discuss as if it were the dream of Isaiah holding up the long-awaited Messiah to the nation of Israel. Learn some of the prophecies of Isaiah about a messiah and create a movie trailer for the feature film: *Today's Messiah*.

Grades 4-5: Isaiah Bedouin Encamp

Leader: Meredith Ball Shepherd: Becky Dyar

Location: Amazing Acts, 10:15

Learn about Isaiah's vision of the Lord. Make a miniature throne and crown to symbolize the promise of a messiah.

Grades 6-8 November 12

Leader: Jackie Wiegel Location: Youth room, 10:15

Topic: Cremated people go to heaven? Youth navigate through biblical ideas of bodily death and resurrection.

Confirmands Meet November 12

Confirmands will meet with mentors on Sunday, November 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place. Bring confirmation books to review church activities. Enjoy snacks.



Drop in the Bucket November 12

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Youth Groups November 8

5:30 p.m.: meal, Ingram, \$2.

6:00-7:30 p.m.: Prepare freezer meals for church members in church kitchen.

Contact: Mary Beth Tusing, lestertusing@gmail.com.

HS Youth Group November 9

5:00-7:00 p.m.: Pack food at Feed My People food bank.

Contact: Angie Stokes, beetrue2u@aol.com.