

FAITH FORMATION/KID'S CORNER

In March, 2022, Kids' Faith Corner began to meet after Next Generation Time with Pastor Olive. Lessons led primarily by Eileen Enterline were held downstairs in the bookcase corner of Callahan Hall. Pastor Olive and Eileen met about once a month to coordinate the lessons with worship service liturgy and sermons. Each lesson began with prayer time and ended with a hands-on activity or game.

A Fruit of the Spirit theme was chosen for the summer months. The youth hosted the last Sunday in August's fellowship hour and served ice cream and fruit. Throughout September to December, the Mini Revolutions Curriculum published by Illustrated Ministry, LLC was consistently used as a resource. On the third Sunday of Advent, the children presented a Christmas skit and the congregation was treated to a short video which was created by seven of the youth, ages 11-13.

An informal christian education meeting was held in October to discuss ideas for programming for the "next generation" and the possibility of holding monthly youth group activities. Results of the discussion were that frequent communication between the parents and christian education leader needs to be done, that Kids' Faith Corner should be open to middle school age kids who make up 75% of the attendance, and that there should be a variety of volunteer leaders for the youth (middle and high schoolers) in our church who want to work on mission projects, church related activities, and positive social interaction.

The nursery was open to toddlers and preschoolers and was staffed on most Sundays by a teen who had earned a babysitting class certificate. Parents worked with our teen to determine which setting was best for their young kids, the sanctuary, the nursery, and/or the fellowship hall.