



**Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School**



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

September 2007

Welcome to a new Sunday School Year. Thank you for sharing your children with us. Here are a few bits of introductory information about our program:

- † **Our Goal:** To help children develop a growing relationship with God/Jesus. Even the youngest children learn quickly that God & Jesus are the answers when they are at Sunday School. Our goal is to help all children realize that God & Jesus ARE the answers...everywhere, every day!
- † **Rally Day Theme:** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
- † **Curriculum:** Faithweaver. Each lesson has a main point to help us understand more about God and what he wants; Bible stories and verses are used to emphasize that point; and the next lesson starts with a follow-up to learn how that point applied to our lives. (see back side for more info.)
- † **Class format:** We strive to provide a fun environment and interactive lessons. We want children to get to know us, each other, and God/Jesus.
- † **Prayer Partners:** We hope to start this new program, assigning prayer partners to all Sunday School children. These partners will regularly include the assigned children in their prayers to further bless them with God's awesome power and grace. (Let us know if you'd like to be a Prayer Partner. All children will automatically be included in this program unless you request otherwise.)
- † **Website:** <http://www.gbqm-umc.org/lemontmethodist/>. (Past issues of "Notes to Parents" can be found there.)

Yours in Christ,

Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer

Meet The Teachers



- ✓ **Preschool/Kindergarten (3-5yr olds):** Vickie Olinger, Jodi Stood, Christy Brosseau
- ✓ **1st & 2nd grade:** Becky Greenberg, Julie Phillips, Erik Anderson
- ✓ **3rd & 4th grade:** Kathy Cliff, Grace Kirkman, Bob Rohrer
- ✓ **5th & 6th:** Wendy Myers, Steve & Gina Walter, Glee Ann Kehr
- ✓ **7th, 8th, & 9th grade:** Karin Peraino, Lisa Erdmier, Laura Garcia

Prayer Connect



Each month we will print a short prayer that you can use. This prayer will help reinforce the lessons your children are learning. This month's theme is **Reliance on God**; Psalm 46:1

Dear Lord,
May my children
rely on you to be
their refuge and
strength, an ever-
present help in
trouble.

Communion Study

We will be offering a Communion Study for children in 2nd grade and up. Interested children and their parents should plan to attend a meeting on World Communion Sunday, 10/02/07. The program will culminate with recognition in church on 12/02/07.

FaithWeaver

FaithWeaver Bible Curriculum – Weaving Faith Through Life!

Using FaithWeaver, teachers will teach as Jesus taught, with a variety of learning experiences and interactive discussions. All grade levels will cover the same lesson, which can make follow-up discussions easy and interesting. Take home pages will be provided to keep you informed and allow you to continue the learning at home. Lessons move chronologically through the bible—Old Testament in the Fall, New Testament in the Winter/Spring.

- † **Memorable Bible Lessons:** The experiential lessons connect from church to home, moving Bible lessons beyond church walls and into people’s lives!
- † **Relevant for Today—and Every Day:** Each learner, no matter the age, sees how God’s Word is relevant to their lives, then applies it every day.
- † **Reinforced Bible Learning All Week Long:** The HomeConnect™ section on each student page, everyone studying the same Bible story, and Driving Home the Point take-home pages help make this happen!
- † **Know How to Live Like Christ:** Participants take what they’ve learned in class and use it to shape decisions about how they live their daily lives.

Although we hope to see every student each week, we realize that schedules sometimes do not allow that. Below is a calendar of upcoming lessons so that you may review them at home with your child if he/she should have to miss.

Lesson & Date	Bible Story	<i>Scripture</i>	Key Verse	Bible Point Ages 3-5	Bible Point Grades 1-9
FALL 2007 (Old Testament)					
<i>Rally Day 9/09/07</i>					
1) 9/16	David Becomes King	2 Samuel 5:1-5; Psalm 37	Psalm 46:1	<i>God’s Way is Best</i>	<i>We can rely on God</i>
3) 9/23	God Forgives David	2 Samuel 12:1-7 & Psalm 51:1-12	1 John 1:9	<i>God’s Way is Best</i>	<i>God wants us to repent when we sin</i>
5) 9/30	Solomon Asks for Wisdom	1 Kings 2:1-4; 3:3-28	James 1:5	<i>God Rewards His Followers</i>	<i>God gives us wisdom</i>
6) 10/07	Solomon Writes Many Proverbs	1 Kings 4:29-34; Proverbs 1:17	Proverbs 9-10	<i>God Rewards His Followers</i>	<i>Wisdom means following God’s word</i>
7) 10/14	Solomon Turns Away from God	1 Kings 11:1-13	Proverbs 3:5-6	<i>God Rewards His Followers</i>	<i>Be devoted to God</i>
8) 10/21	The Kingdom Divides	1 Kings 11:28-12:24	2 Chronicles 7:14	<i>God Wants Us to Choose Him</i>	<i>Choose to follow God</i>
9) 10/28	Elijah Helps a Widow	1Kings 17:7-24	Matthew 6:31-33	<i>God Wants Us to Choose Him</i>	<i>Trust God completely</i>