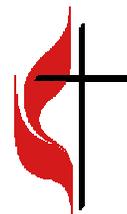




Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

May 2013

Isn't it true that all we really want is for our children to be happy? Fortunately, in our parental wisdom, we realize that doesn't mean just letting them do whatever they want. Left to their own devices, our children might just sit around eating chicken nuggets, watching TV, and playing video games. But we know those things are really only fun in small doses. We've learned that long-term happiness requires short-term discipline.

We encourage our children to eat good food and be active so that they will stay healthy. We encourage them to study hard in school so that they can get good jobs as adults. We encourage them to attend Sunday School, church, and youth group because we want them to build a strong faith foundation. We encourage these things (even when faced with push-back) because we believe that health, success, and faith will help our children achieve long-term happiness. And then we pray that it works when they are away from us.

I recently had a glimpse of the payoff. In his first year away at college, my son hit a rough patch of homesickness and depression. He had been going to a Catholic church with the guys on his floor, but one Sunday when he was feeling particularly down, he decided to attend the Methodist Church. It turned out to be Jazz Sunday, with a live jazz band and people dancing in the aisles. He said it was impossible to stay depressed surrounded by all that enthusiasm. He left the service feeling uplifted and renewed! As he related the story to me, I was happy for him...but this is what I heard: When he was down, he knew to reach out to God. That's what happens when our children have a strong faith foundation. And there was a further lesson for me: Keep trusting God. Although my son didn't know how to get out of his funk, God knew and He provided the means to help him.

We may never fully stop worrying about our children, but we can be assured that if we give them the right building blocks when they are young, it will pay off when they get older. God is looking out for them. It might be easier to sleep in on Sunday mornings, but know that your efforts are worthwhile. When you bring your children to Sunday School, church, and youth group, you are helping them to build a strong faith foundation that will pay off!

Happy Parenting!

Yours in Christ,

Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer

Prayer Connect

*This month's theme is
Leading Others to God
(John 4:41)*



Dear Lord,
I pray that many become
believers because of my
children's words.

Amen

May Open Pantry Need:

Toiletries



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Teacher	Date	Session	Bible Story	Scripture
Spring 2013				
Unit 3: New Believers				
Bible Point: As a Christian, I am called to care for others				
Key Verse: "The community of believers was one in heart and mind" ~Acts 4:32				
	4/28	10	The Community of Believers	Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35
	5/05	11	Peter and Cornelius	Acts 10:1-28
	5/12	12	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41
	5/19	13	First Called Christians	Acts 11:19-26

Spring 2013 for Jr. High

Teacher	Date	Session	Topic	Bible Story	Scripture
Unit 3: The Book of Acts					
Dave	05/05	11	Giving	Offering for Jerusalem	Acts 11:19-30
Karin	05/12	13	Witnessing	Paul & Barnabas	Acts 13:1-15
Erik	05/19	13	Living as a Christian Community	The Church Spreads	Colossians 3:12-17

(Note: The HS Breakfast Club holds discussions based on Talksheets & other materials.)

May 19th is the last day of Sunday School classes before Summer Break.
Please join us for Vacation Bible School June 10-14, 2013.
Check out <http://www.wesleywoodscamp.com/> for Christian camps.
Enjoy your summer! Keep the Faith and See you in September!



Thought for the Month

"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
 Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!"

~Psalm 34:8

Kidz Korner



Happy Birthday to our Sunday School friends:

Zach Brosseau 1 Evangeline Topete 4

Luke Positano 11 Sonia Vavra 17 Chloe Vavra 17

Brian Halicky 22 Nate Ferguson 27 Brant Rohrer 22

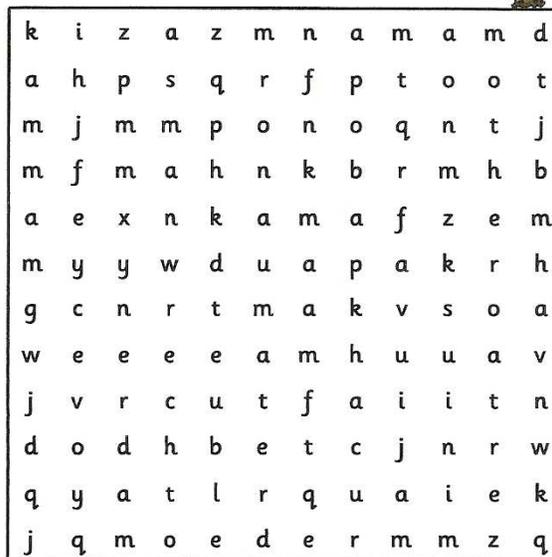
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"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12)



Mother's Day Wordsearch

Can you find the word for Mother in all these different languages?



Ahm (Arabic)

Haakui (Maori)

Madre (Spanish)

Maji (Hindi)

Makuahine (Hawaiian)

Maman (French)

Mamma (Italian)

Mater (Latin)

Moeder (Afrikaans)

Mother (English)

Muter (Yiddish)

Mutter (German)

Mzazi (Swahili)

Okaasan (Japanese)

Pabo (Punjabi)