



Spring 2010

## Upcoming Events

- April 5** April Family Connection Begins, Wednesdays
- April 23-24** UMW Spring Garage Sale
- April 25** Faith in Action Sunday – Caring for God’s Creation.
- May 2** Youth Sunday
- May 9** Children’s Musical, 11:00 Service
- May 16** VBS Info Session, 6-7:30, FH
- May 23** Confirmation Sunday, covered dish lunch

# AUMC Kidz Connect

## News for Parents and Kids Age K2-6<sup>th</sup>

### VBS 2010:

#### It’s Going to Be A Blast!

**August 1 – August 5**

**Galactic Blast: A Comic Adventure Praising God**

VBS will kick off on Sunday August 1 during Sunday School. Worship that Sunday will also celebrate our children and the exciting week ahead. Monday-Thursday, August 2-5, VBS will be from 9:00-11:30 am.



Volunteers (youth & adults) will be needed throughout the week of VBS! We cannot have a blast without your help!

Important Dates for VBS:

- **VBS Info Session** for Parents. Come hear what VBS 2010 is about and see how you can help. May 16 6-7:30pm Fellowship Hall
- **VBS Volunteer Training:** June 24 6:30-8 pm, June 27 noon- 2 pm
- **VBS Set Up:** July 31, 9am until

Have you always dreamed of building a rocket ship? Want to create your very own NASA Command Center? Help us decorate for VBS!

To volunteer in any way for VBS, contact Johannah! Call 244-1820 or email [jmyers@aumcsc.org](mailto:jmyers@aumcsc.org)

### What’s New?

#### *Introducing Celebration Station*

On Palm Sunday, we began a new worship experience for our K3-K4 children during the 11:00 worship service. Led by our nursery workers, the older children who are downstairs in the nursery will have activities, music, crafts, and stories related to what’s going on in worship that Sunday. Ultimately, the goal is

to prepare these children for their time in Children In Worship, our children’s church experience for K5 and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students.

#### **Big Picture for Worship Services:**

During all worship services on Sundays, activity bags are available for kids that include quiet activities and children’s bulletins that connect to the day’s worship service. For the 11:00 service, all children are invited down for the children’s time. When children’s time is over, K5-1<sup>st</sup> grade students go upstairs for Children in Worship. K3-K4 children go downstairs to Celebration Station. Older children return to their seats.



### Great Times!

During the Spring, we’ve enjoyed several great activities for children and their families! Special thanks to all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and lunch on March 27. We had a wonderful time!

Also, thank you to those who helped make our first Family Night a great success. The **Rockin’ Family Fun Night** (March 12) was a great night of karaoke, dodge ball, pizza, and crafts. We had almost 60 people here!

Look for more exciting family events coming soon!

# Travel Guide to the Fruit of the Spirit

## Summer Sunday School

This summer we're going on a journey together during Sunday School! We'll be traveling through the Fruit of the Spirit. Our In-Focus Verse from the Bible is Galatians 5:22-23a.

Each week we'll have a different stop along the journey. We'll take time to explore each place as we learn about love, joy, peace, patience and the other Fruits of the Spirit.

Children in K3-K5 will combine for the summer into one class. Upstairs, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be together, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> together, and 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. These grades are based on the school year just completed.

### Teachers Needed!

Teachers are needed each Sunday for Sunday School. In the summer, teachers make a ONE-SUNDAY commitment. That's it – ONE SUNDAY! But we need at least 4 teachers each Sunday, one for each age level. Lesson plans are provided with easy to teach, easy to prepare lessons.

To volunteer for a week (or 2 or 3), contact Johannah. Call 244-1820 or email [jmyers@aumcsc.org](mailto:jmyers@aumcsc.org)



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### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School

Beginning in August 2010, we would like to offer a separate Sunday School designed just for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders. To offer this, we will need one or 2 people/couples who will lead this class. Contact Johannah if you are interested or would like more info.

### AUMC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This is the year! 10-10-10 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AUMC. We will begin our celebration in May. Part of the celebration includes putting together a book of devotions and artwork from our members. We would love to have artwork (and devotions) from our children especially if it relates to AUMC or to our faith. Bring any contributions to Wiletta or Johannah.

### Children in Worship Summer

Children in Worship will not meet for June or July. Celebration Station will continue through the summer and activity bags will be available each week. Children in Worship will resume the week following VBS in August.

### Club 56

Club 56 will run through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May. Information on this great program for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders is available on the website: [www.aumcsc.org](http://www.aumcsc.org).

### Coming this Summer: MOD Squad and Funny Money

MOD Squad = Missions of Discipleship for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. Funny Money is a fun way for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders learn about money. Look for more details about these events soon. *Adults willing to help with these summer activities please contact Ruth Hughes ([rhughes@aumcsc.org](mailto:rhughes@aumcsc.org))*



## Faith At Home

### Spring Cleaning

Spring is a great time to clean out and get rid of unused items. Make it a family project! Ask kids to consider giving up a toy (or 2!) that they don't play with any more. Donate that toy to missions – from the UMW Garage Sale (where \$\$ goes to missions) to something like Safe Harbor. Use this as an opportunity to talk about helping those in need.

### Thanksgiving – It's more than a Holiday!

What are you thankful for? Who are you thankful for? Those aren't questions just for November! Think of someone that your family is thankful for and make a care package or send a note of appreciation.

### Teach Us to Pray

Wondering how to teach your children about prayer? Start with the basics! The disciples asked Jesus the same question, so why not use Jesus' answer? Help your children learn the Lord's Prayer one phrase at a time. While you're learning a phrase, use it to guide your family prayers. For example, "Give us this day our daily bread..." What does God provide for us? Are there people who don't have enough daily bread? And go slowly! Use the same phrase for a week – or even a month. It will help your child learn the Prayer and will probably make praying the Lord's Prayer together more meaningful on Sunday mornings, too!