



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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## Review

December is a good time to reflect on the year. A lot has happened in the life of Holt UMC. This time last year we were getting ready for an Advent family breakfast. In the spring of this year Kingdom Kids started a new curriculum. We also restarted the adult Sunday School class that is studying Leviticus and Numbers. In the past year we have done an advent study of looking at the angels of the Christmas story. Our Lenten study was seeing Jesus in the Psalms. We are finishing up our fall church study of Creed by Adam Hamilton.

The youth group has enjoyed the annual Winter Jam Christian concert. They had a fall retreat at Lake Michigan camp. Some of us enjoyed a learning experience at the district lay servant ministry retreat. We have celebrated a new carpet in the youth room.

As a church we put on a successful block party that was an opportunity to engage with our community. For the past two Halloweens we have set up at Trick-or-Treat in the Garden. As a church we have given 3rd graders bibles and we have witnessed baptisms in worship. We have celebrated Mark Erbes' retirement and welcomed Anita Hahn. The church staff has seen people leave and seen new persons fill in well.

## NEXT STEPS

- join a small group
- serve as a greeter
- pray

## LOOK OUT

Christmas Elf Workshop Dec 2nd 10am-noon

Christmas Eve worship

- 10am
- 3pm
- 5pm



## VERSE OF THE MONTH

TRUST IN THE LORD AND DO GOOD; PSALM 37:3A

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## Goals

This time of year is also a good time to set new goals. The Christian Education team has just started to set some new goals as we plan for the coming year. I would like to share with you these goals in the developing process. I hope this can be beneficial for you to know what we want to accomplish and what our aims are. May you assist us in your prayers, gifts, and service –how and when you can.

### Small groups:

- Grow the number of small groups available
- increase small group participation
- develop intentional faith development system
- recruit new small group leaders



### Kingdom Kids:

- increase the average attendance of Kingdom Kids
- train our teachers and shepherds in curriculum, teaching techniques and Safe Sanctuary training.
- providing engaging lessons each week
- develop relationships with parents to assist in faith formation for the whole family

### VBS:

- reach 40+ kids in the community
- reach a majority of unchurched kids
- Provide an engaging, fun, memorable, and transformational experience

### Nursery:

- provide a safe space for infants and toddlers that parents feel secure in placing in their care
- share the love of God with each child that comes into the nursery
- train our nursery staff with Safe Sanctuary, first aid, and CPR training.

### Youth Group:

- Facilitate a transformational experiences such as confirmation class, and retreat
- Train our volunteers with Safe Sanctuary, first aid, and CPR training
- Recruit 2 more more Young Adult Volunteers
- Bring in 2 kids (and families) a quarter (for next year)
- Improve Communication to Parents/Volunteers
- Be more organized and continue to grow the system we have now