

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## NURSERY

The Nursery was hopping with 7 littles on a Sunday morning. That is something to celebrate especially after a summer of fewer littles in church. As the church imagines new things, I invite you as a church to help the Christian Education team to imagine ways to improve how the nursery serves young families and littles. Something that keeps coming to mind is a nursery sign that directs new guests with littles to where our nursery is. Maybe you have another idea to share. This is a season to brainstorm together.

The nursery thanks you for your donations of snacks.



I am excited to see more kids back in church. We are getting the Youth room ready for a new floor and dreaming of what it can become. For Kingdom Kids we want to be more hospitable and inviting to young families. We hope that the newly renovated room can achieve that goal. As a church we are trying new things. One other new thing for Kingdom Kids is a change in our check-in system. We are wanting to connect more with families as they come into church to check-in their child and checking their child out of Kingdom Kids. Stay tuned for further updates.



The goal of the Christian Education team is to find ways of plugging the youth into the church at large. So many youth groups function on an island separate from the church. As much as youth need their own space from time to time, they need the fellowship of the church more. Youth are looking for **belonging**. They are discovering who they are **becoming** and they are exploring what they **believe**. The church (that's you) can help guide youth along their adolescent journey. The Youth Group is inviting parents, grandparents, and elders within the church to join the youth group in a new group format of dinner and a movie with discussion. This is truly an intergenerational way of doing youth ministry. This will happen on scheduled Sundays from 5-7pm.

### VERSE OF THE MONTH

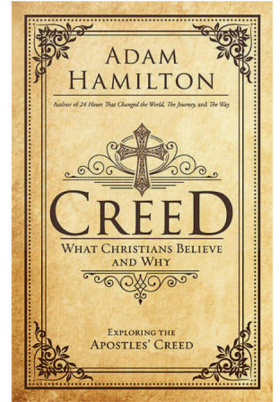
**"SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING!"**

**NOW IT SPRINGS UP; DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT?" -ISAIAH 43:19**

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## Small Groups:

As a church fall study we are going to study the book "Creed" by Adam Hamilton. This book looks at what Christians believe and Why. This is a study of going back to the basics, the fundamentals of our faith and theology. We have set a goal of having 10 small groups looking at this book. Consider being a part of a group or maybe leading one. Even if you just read the book with one other person that is a small group. As always, if you have an idea for a new group reach out to me or someone else for support in getting that started.



## Shout Out!

**Emily Struble**, joined the youth group on our Fall retreat this year. She works regularly in the nursery and she volunteered during the Block party with the duck pond. She is the daughter of Nonnie and Tracy Struble. The young girls loved her during the retreat and the little in the nursery love her as well. We appreciate all that she does and who she is.

## RETREAT

Three youth went on this year's Fall retreat up at Lake Michigan Camp. We had lots of fun at the beach. We enjoyed good camp food. We explored some spiritual disciplines like the prayer labyrinth, visio divina and lectio divina. The best part was seeing how God showed up in surprising ways in our conversations around the fire and in the silence of prayer and reflection.

## LOOK OUT

### Cleaning Day: October 1 (1-4pm)

clean the Teacher Supply room and Youth Room

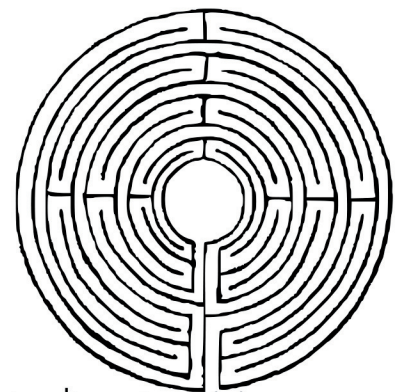
### 3rd Grade Bibles October 15

### Safe Sanctuary Training October 22 (12:30-2:30)

anyone that wants to work with kids and youth need to attend or coordinate alternate training lunch will be provided

### Halloween in the Garden October 29 (2-4)

Veterans Memorial Gardens  
Hocus Pocus showing @6:30



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