**Children’s Ministry**

**Mid-Summer Newsletter**

Dear Southminster Families,

We hope you are enjoying your summer days and staying well! Please read carefully below for our new children’s mission projects and be sure to make a note of the upcoming dates so you won’t miss any of the fun and excitement!

Blessings all,

Bunny and Audrey

**NEW CHILDREN”S MISSION PROJECTS FOR FALL 2024:**

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** , a non-profit agency working to end world hunger,

Has been around for more than 70 years. Churches from many different denominations participate in this excellent program which operates all over the world. Heifer provides animals, fish, bees, trees, and irrigation tools to families and communities by invitation only. Unique to Heifer is their “pay it forward” feature. Recipients of help commit to helping a neighbor in need by giving them offspring of the animal they received from Heifer.

Our children have been up cycling this summer. They’ll have a small craft sale in early fall. All proceeds from this sale will go to Heifer. The children will choose what they want to give to help make a difference in real people’s lives.

**NORTHWEST CHILDREN’S OUTREACH** (NCO)  is a Christian-founded and all-volunteer-run collection and distribution organization with five centers in the PDX area including one in Beaverton. Since 2001 they’ve provided clothing and hygiene items for children and youth of all ages in our region.

DONATE

NOW is the time you are sorting and replacing your children’s clothing and shoes for the coming school year. PLEASE set aside any very gently used items for NCO and bring to church. PLEASE no stains, rips, tears, missing buttons, or logos of any kind.

SERVE

Families can also donate time together at the local center, sorting and organizing items. This is a great hands-on service opportunity. More on this later.

**ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**August 4 - Communion Sunday**

**August 6 - Tuesday 4-6:30 pm Kids Upcycle Crafting with pizza at 5 pm**

**Come for all or part! TEENS and parents welcome!**

**August 18 - South Africa Mission Celebration in church**

**All Church Bar-B-Q with games/churchyard following worship**

**Sept.     8 - Welcome Back Sunday/potluck lunch/bouncy house/craft sale**

**++Sunday School Curriculum 2024/25: Major Bible Stories**

**Sept.   29 - Family Picnic fun at Horning’s Hideout at North Plains after church. Details soon. (Fishing, paddle boats, etc. )**

**Oct.       6 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY\***

**\***9:30 AM  Sunday School Family Procession Rehearsal/All acolytes

**Oct.     27 - TRUNK-R-TREAT following worship - parking lot**

                    Kathy Ludwig organizes-Thank you, Kathy!

**November in Sunday School - Nativity Play Preparations**

ADVENT 2024

**Dec.       1 - COMMUNION SUNDAY; ADVENT FAIR WITH SOUP LUNCH**

 \*\*PARENT’S AFTERNOON OUT**noonish-6 pm**

**Parents can go shopping or have free time while your children play games, do crafts, and have supervised fun at church - supper provided at 5:15 pm**

**Dec.     15 -**CHILDREN’S NATIVITY PLAY**after worship - Light Lunch**

**Dec.     24 - Tuesday 5:00 pm Family Service with candlelight**