

August 2021

Dear Sunday School Families and Friends,

It is our great honor to announce to you that after 27 years Margaret McFarlane will be retiring from the Sunday School Superintendent position September 1, 2021. We greatly appreciate all the time and wonderful ideas Margaret has shared with all who she has come into contact with over the years. She has made this program strong and a wonderful place to be a part of. Margaret will still be helping out in the Church's life by continuing with the Help Excite Little People (HELP) program. Thank you again to Margaret for all her many years of experience. Please keep an eye out for information about a celebration in honor of Margaret.

We would like to take the time to share about some new changes that we will see this coming school year for Sunday School.

First, Sunday School will take place partially during the Sunday morning worship time at 9:00am. We look forward to seeing the families together in church at 9:00 am. Students will leave the sanctuary after the children's message and anthem song with Mrs. Brickl and continue to the Sunday School Classrooms. At 10:05 the Sunday School Classrooms will head back to the sanctuary to watch lesson videos and hear announcements until about 10:15. We would be happy to have our families join us in the sanctuary. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with the classrooms as we are in need of volunteers to make this all happen.

With this change in the Sunday School time we want to make sure that our teachers and families have the opportunity to worship together. For this reason children and Sunday School Staff will not leave church services on the first Sunday of each month. This allows our members of Sunday School to take Communion with the congregation each month. After church on the first Sunday of the month, at 10:05 we hope to have congregational activities that we plan on having Sunday School Families participate in.

Lastly, we have decided to no longer have offering envelopes for our students. We have decided rather to have a tuition per student that covers the cost of the Sunday School curriculum. Each month we will have a monthly offering that will help our missions with the church. This may include, but would not be limited to, Stock the Schools, Help Excite Little People or the Food Pantry. If you need financial assistance with the tuition please contact me or the office and we will be able to assist. If you are a congregational member that would be interested in sponsoring a scholarship for a student please let us know as well.

Your church Consistory and I are excited about this new chapter in our Sunday School Program and look forward to the many options possible with these changes. Please keep an eye out for another letter or email from our program mid to late August.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Sunday School Program at: [firstuccsauhce@gmail.com](mailto:firstuccsauhce@gmail.com)

Blessings,

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