

# Christian Education Committee 2019 Report

**Committee Members:** Amanda Weeder, Marcene Wurdeman, Cindy Hoadley, Lori Rine, Doris Asperger. Julie Canaday Graham, Governing Council Representative. Staff: Rev. Edward Yang, Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director.

The Christian Education Committee met regularly and had two joint committee meetings with Youth Ministry.

**Sunday School Preschool- 6th grade** is using -----Holy Moly and Connect curriculum from Sparkhouse. Sunday school teachers are:

Sunnie Yang, Matt Miller, Ashli Porter, Heidi Klevemann, Kristi Wolfe, Nicole Miller and Julie Graham.

Stuart Gausman leads the children in music with songs and hand bells.

Thank you for your dedication and love you give to the children of Federated Church

## **Special Events included:**

\*February movie and activities with Nancy Blackburn during the annual business meeting. Thank you, Nancy.

\*Children's Sunday Celebration with fun games, bouncy houses, crafts and a meal.

\*Rev. Edward and Sunnie Yang hosted an end of year meal for the Sunday school teachers.

\*Sunday School Kick-off with Horn-T Zoo bringing animals and a petting zoo to Federated Church parking lot.

\*Family Fun Hayrack Ride hosted by the Sand's in October.

\*Children's Sabbath celebrated children around the world by tying fleece blankets to be given to a children's home/orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya. Children played hand bells in church. Thank you to the Federated Needlework group for preparing the fleece blankets so that they were ready to tie.

\*Christmas program featuring the Sunday school children with music and play performance "Sleep Over at the Stable" by Douglas Eboch. Thank you to Stuart Gausman, for musical leadership, and Tim Rathje and Ronald Augspurger for sound and technical leadership, Nicole Miller for director leadership, and the Sunday school teachers and Brenda Sand for costume design.

\*Christmas fun and craft day. Thank you, Cindy Hoadley for preparing and organizing the Christmas craft.

**Nursery:** The nursery is being staffed by volunteers during the church hour. Many thanks to Sunnie Yang, Sue Mares, Mark Weeder, Val Rathje, Hailey Rathje, Doris Augspurger and Barb Olson. A family buzzer/signal system is being discussed for purchase.

**Adult Education:** Rev. Yang and the committee looked into different possibilities of organizing and leading the adult Sunday school class. A small advisory committee was formed. Classes will be led by a group of volunteers rotating every Sunday. Thank you, Dona Augspurger, Bob Trautwein, Mark Weeder, and Katie Claus.

**Adult Bible Study:** Rev. Yang formed two new weekday Bible study classes.

**Puppet Ministry:** The spring puppet festival in Omaha was not held this year, and a decision was made not to travel out of state to attend. The puppeteers performed at Prairie Village, VBS, and ended the year with a black light performance in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to the puppet directors, Cindy Hoadley, Katie Claus, and Julie Graham.

**Vacation Bible School:** VBS was held at Federated Church this year in cooperation with First United Methodist Church and St. Luke's United Church of Christ. Many thanks to Federated Church VBS directors Kristi Wolfe and Rev Edward Yang. Many thanks to all the volunteers.

Thank you to the Property and Finance Committee for highlighting general repairs/upkeep, and future repair projects that will be needed for the Education Center. With the committee approval most of the old metal folding chair were replaced, making the environment safer for the children and adults.

It has been a wonderful blessing to have served on this committee for the past two years. Thank you to the committee members, Brenda Sand, and Rev. Yang for your commitment to the youth and children of our Federated Church.

Peace in Christ Jesus,

Julie Canaday Graham

Chairperson Christian Education Committee