



Spring 2010 Family Ministries News

Here's what's happening in Family Ministries this spring and a glimpse of what's happening this summer!

This Sunday: Special Guest Mark Thompson, Ventriloquist, March 7 at 11am at KidTown
Pastor Jan has known Mark and the "Trunk Bunch" for years and is thrilled they want to come visit KidTown! Check out Mark's amazing ministry at www.markthompsonshow.com.



This Sunday, all KidTown grades and our 4's and 5's from TotTown will enjoy Mark's musical and puppet presentation up at KidTown at 11am.

Prayer Pals: Part of our Journey of Prayer

This Sunday, 90 adults from our church will be picking up a magnet with an FFMC child's name on it and have committed to pray for that child all year. You may receive a postcard from your child's prayer pal. It's up to you if your child would like to share requests with their pal, or you can just know your child is being prayed for— what a blessing! (Thanks Camille Pook!)

Northwest Christian Ministry Conference: March 18-20, Overlake Church in Redmond

Many of our volunteers are going! Talk to Jan or visit www.ministryconference.org for more information about this annual Christian Ministry conference— it's awesome!

Palm Sunday: March 28; both services

Kids at 9:30 and 11 (preschool and elementary) will join in the annual Palm Parade early in the Sanctuary service and again at Encounter. Don't miss this wonderful and meaningful opportunity for kids to participate in our adult worship services.

Easter Saturday: April 3; 9am/10am

Our annual *Eggstravaganza* begins with pancakes at 9am, and the rotation of activities at 10 (don't be late!). Target age is 3 to 8. Pick up your info postcard and invite your friends!



Baptism Offered Easter Sunday: April 4

Have you been talking about Baptism with your kids? If your child is ready to be baptized, please contact Pastor Jan ASAP. We will set up a time to meet and make sure your child understands and is ready for this important sacrament. (Baptism and Jr. Membership classes are offered to our 4th and 5th graders every-other year.)

Parenting Class: *Love and Logic*, Wed. Nights: 4/7-5/19
Love and Logic is a practical parenting technique that helps parents be calm, use empathy and have a sense of humor. We are bringing in a certified trainer and are offering this 7-week course to our community at significantly reduced rates: \$40 per person or married couple. You can register this Sunday and in the weeks to come; space is limited! Please RSVP for nursery or PS/Elem programs for adequate staffing.

4th & 5th Graders to NITRO Kids' Conference: April 16-17
"...where kids can experience God in a way that they'll never forget," with crazy fun activities, inflatables, live worship, and much more. Check out www.nwnitro.com. See Teachers Sue Sanem or Jim Skadan for more info.

Celebration for the Abbotts: Sunday, May 23

On May 23rd, we will have one service at 10:30. Nursery and preschool care will be offered as usual, and elementary kids will go to worship for the first part of the service and be dismissed after offering time. Following the service will be a special meal and event— watch for more information coming soon! (Teachers: I am working on special staffing; stay tuned!)

Summer Glimpse: Calendar these events now!



During this year of transition, we want to focus on building community. To bring all FFMC families closer together we are planning a full summer for kids and parents to share. We are taking a break from VBS this year and are offering these activities:

- June 20:** Summer Sundays Kick-off
- July 6:** All Church Night at the Mariners vs. Kansas City; \$11 seats behind home plate, 300-level; 7:10pm
- July 9-11:** Amici Camping Trip
- July 25:** All Church Lunch and *Rediculympics!* (Have you seen the *Minute to Win It* Commercials? This is our hilarious version of the game show!)
- August 4, 11, 18, 25:** FFMC Wednesday play at the Park, 10-12pm.
- August 2-8:** Family Camp at Warm Beach
- August 21:** All Church Swim Party at Magnolia Pool, 7pm-8:30.



More info on all these events coming soon! Invite your friends and let's celebrate what it means to be a part of God's family!

Thanks for praying for Family Ministries at First Free Methodist Church!