



Dear Church School families,

Welcome to the new church school year!

We are super excited to share our plans for the year with you!

We are kicking off our year on Sunday, September 20th with our first unit, "The Plagues". In this unit, we will continue our study of Moses and learn about his time in Egypt. We will also be doing a "blessing of the backpacks" during our Word for Children, so bring your backpacks, school bags or whatever you use for your daily activities.

This year, we are planning a few more joint activities with our UCC friends. During our Listening Sessions with the Steering Committee, we heard that lots of people would like to add more contemporary Christian music to our worship services. While we are working on ways to accomplish that goal, we learned that the UCC has a band which plays once a month during their service. So, we are looking at joining them for a few services during the year to enjoy their worship band and perhaps sharing some of our children's music as well.

We plan to continue our children-led services throughout the year, as well as our traditional Christmas Eve tableau.

This past July, Sue, Edward, Jessa and Shyne traveled to Camp Wilmot for their "grandparents camp". What a great time we had!! We are hoping that your families will be able to join us there next July. We will let you know the dates as soon as they are posted.

During the year, we are planning to study the following units:

- The Plagues
- The Red Sea
- Jesus is Born (Advent and Christmas)
- Ruth
- Palm Sunday and Easter (Lent and Holy Week)
- Walking on Water

We are also planning a number of community and family events during the year. Our tentative schedule is as follows:

October - a Halloween party held in conjunction with the UCC church school

November - Family Christmas crafts and luncheon after church

January - Movie Night

May - Starting a church school garden

Sincerely,

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