

DLE Board Report – March 2016

Curriculum for Children and Youth:

- 10:30am: Programming & Education for Children and Youth

This Month for Children...While the adults in the congregation explore "Big Community" and the theme of "Imagine" children will continue to work on art for the Children's Art Exhibit which will be featured in the Sanctuary beginning Wednesday, March 16th. Other stories and learning this month will revolve around the books: "Imagine" by: Bart Vivian, "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street" By: Dr. Seuss, and "The Legend of Mackinac Island" By: Kathy-Jo Wargin.

This Month for Youth...This month our youth will continue to explore justice as they consider Community. This will include helping our younger children with the Children's Art Exhibit.

Volunteer/Training/Housekeeping Matters:

- Per usual, volunteerism is low. We struggle greatly whenever a substitute is needed, particularly for programs like Friday Night Out. If the situation does not improve we will need to consider cancelling programs when good substitutes aren't readily available. We were able to get Nick Erber and Mike LaPierre-Erber to assist Ariel Love with FNO this month, but this is a challenge that needs to be addressed ASAP. Although we have had some success in getting people to cover the open Sunday teaching slots, there are still only a handful of people assisting with the Sunday program for children and youth over all. We have also not been able to organize additional youth activities this year as we did last year due to lack of volunteers.

Families:

- Friday Night Out for March is 03.11.2016 – we had GREAT difficulty finding a substitute for Jessica Shaw who needs the day off this month. 12 children are registered. These families NEED this ministry, and we almost had to cancel this month.

- The children's Art Reception will be Wednesday, 03.16.2016 during the social time portion of Wednesday Supper (5:30-6pm). It is our hope that families will take this opportunity to discover how wonderful the Wednesday Supper program is!

Adult Programming:

- Brewing Community: The group will meet at The Workshop Brewing Company from 5-7pm on 03.10.16 and 03.24.16
- Wednesday Colloquiums:
 - **March 9** - Pete Kirkwood of Workshop Brewing, "How My Beer Can Change the World - Creating Community"
 - **March 23** - Karin Killian - Fair Trade Farmers in Latin America (rescheduled from 2/10)

Staffing Matters:

My regular Sunday off in March will be 3/20. I took 3/6 off with vacation time. I also intend to use 3 days of vacation March 29th-31st.

Policy:

I continue to work with the Safe Congregation Task Force as necessary. When matters that fall into this category arise, they require a great deal of time and energy.

Attendance: class # is all age groups combined, N = Nursery

02.07.16 – N= 3, 17

02.12.16 – FNO – 6

02.14.16 – N= 4, 12

02.21.16 – N= 2, 15

02.28.16 – N= 2, 13