



Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church

Children's Ministries 2011-2012

2011-2012 At a Glance

August 21

Sunday School begins (9:30 a.m.)

Blessing of the Backpacks in the Sanctuary (11 a.m.)

August 28

Kid Connection Kick Off Potluck

November 20

Children's Sabbath, Advent Celebration

December 19 & 20

Fireside Storytime

December 24

Family Christmas Eve service

December 25

No Sunday School — Merry Christmas!

January 1

No Sunday School — Happy New Year!

January 15 - March 4

God and Country program

March 4

Super Summer Sign-up

April 1

Palm procession, Children's Choirs sing, Easter Celebration

April 8

No Sunday School — Happy Easter! (Childcare available)

Flowering of the cross

May 20

Last Day of Sunday School/Teacher Appreciation



Parachute fun at the 2011 Easter Celebration

Helpful Contacts

Sue Suneson

Director of Children's Ministry

ssuneson@phpc.org, 214-368-6348, ext. 152

Jennifer Hallberg

Assistant Director, Children's Ministry

jhallberg@phpc.org, 214-368-6348, ext. 169

Gail Lee

Administrative Assistant, Education

glee@phpc.org, 214-368-6348, ext. 133

Lauren Turner

Director of Parent's Day Out

lturner@phpc.org, 214-368-6348, ext. 122

Judy Melson

Associate Director of Music

jmelson@phpc.org, 214-368-6348, ext. 168

Kay Bichler

Music, Art, Drama, Dance Director

214-341-0588 or 214-368-6348, ext. 270

Susan Allen

Child Care Coordinator

214-368-6348, ext. 108

More Information, News

For more information about PHPC Children's Ministry, contact the Director of Children's Ministry, Sue Suneson, at ssuneson@phpc.org or 214-368-6348, ext. 152. Children's Ministry has a bi-monthly email newsletter. If you're not already on the list, please contact Sue Suneson. You can also sign up at www.phpc.org/children.

Child Protection Policy

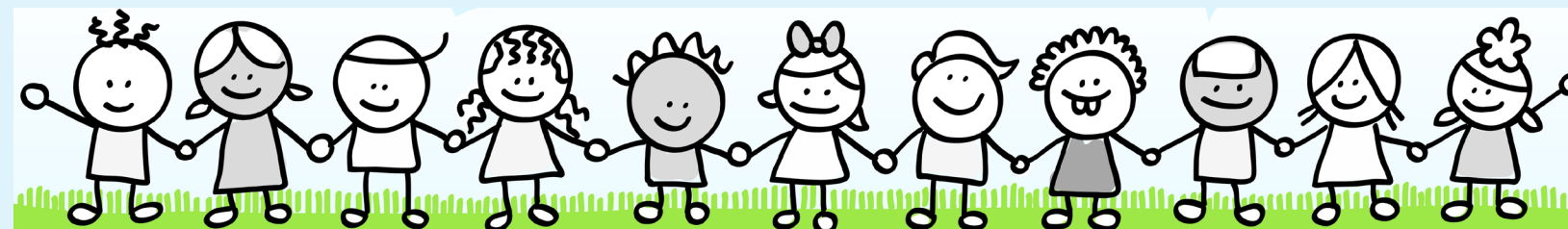
All who volunteer with children must be church members and agree to a background check. Training in child abuse awareness is provided. All reports of suspected abuse are referred to legal authorities. Contact the Executive Associate Pastor, Reverend Paul Seelman at pseelman@phpc.org or ext. 117 with questions or concerns.

Allergies Medical Alert

Please let us know if your child has any type of allergy or medical condition of which we should be aware. We will provide teachers, volunteers, and caregivers this vital information to serve you and your child while he/she is in our care. For your convenience, red Allergy Medical Alert forms will be available for completion in all classes from newborn through 6th grade. Forms are also available online at www.phpc.org/childregistrations. After completing the form, please return it to Shepherds' Gate, your child's Sunday school teacher, caregiver, or Sunday school shepherd.



VBS 2011



Seasonal Celebrations

Crafts, Carols, and Cookies for Advent

Preschool and elementary-aged children and their families are invited to kick off the season by making Advent wreaths, writing Christmas cards to missionaries, participating in Christmas stories, and more! Each family is asked to bring cookies to share; apple cider and crafts are provided.

Fireside Storytime

Families with preschool children won't want to miss this warm and simple holiday tradition at PHPC. Young children are invited to wear pajamas to the Youth House and sit by the fire and to listen to Christmas stories. Singing carols while enjoying milk and cookies is part of the fun. Things wrap up in time to walk to the Pecan Grove to experience the miracle of Christmas at the Living Creche.

Family Christmas Eve Service

This popular abbreviated service for little ones, their parents, and relatives kicks off PHPC's four Christmas services. Each child is offered a costume so that they may take part in the nativity scene as it is created through scripture and familiar carols. This unique service is held in the Sanctuary. It's a traditional favorite and many attend, so come ready to be cozy!

Easter Celebration

Preschoolers and their families are invited to this fun Easter celebration event on Palm Sunday in Jubilee Hall. Kids and adults make fun crafts, play games, make paper palms, and even do the Bunny Hop. Face painting and cookie decorating round out the fun. Everyone (including adults) is invited for pizza afterward for a very nominal charge.

Summer Opportunities and Events

PHPC offers a wonderful lineup of events and camps throughout the summer. Families of children ages 3 - 16 are encouraged to come to Jubilee Hall the first Sunday in March to check out all the fun camps and activities for Summer 2012. There are an extensive number of programs, and representatives are available to assist in finding out what best suits your child's interests. Sign up for one event or many!

Sunday Mornings at PHPC

Child care for children (six weeks through kindergarten) is available for all Sunday morning activities from 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Sunday school is provided for elementary-age children at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school begins August 21.

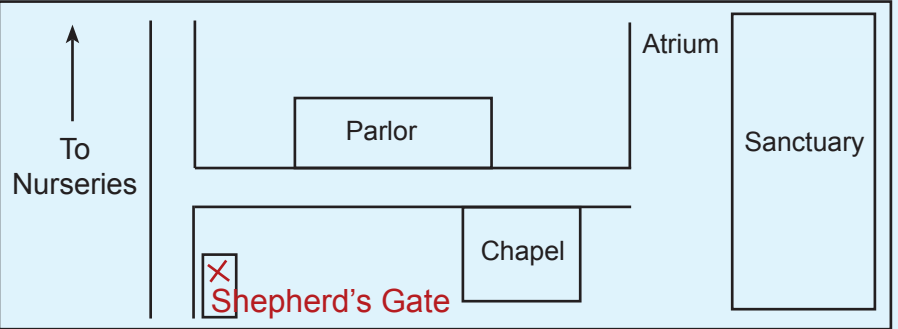
Nursery
Newborns to Crawling: Room N123
Crawling to Walking: Room N126
Walking to 22 months: Room N122
Toddlers through Age Two: Room N121

Preschool
Noah's Ark (younger two-year olds): Room N127
Rainbows (two- and three-year olds): Room N110
Promise Class (three-year olds): Room N131
Good Samaritans (four-year olds): Room N118
Golden Rulers (four- and five-year olds): Room N132

Kindergarten
Genesis Class (older pre-K/Kindergarten): Room N129
Exodus Class (Kindergarten/Primer): Room N130

First - Fifth Graders
At 9:30 a.m., elementary students in grades 1-5 concentrate on a particular Bible story for one month, spending each week in a different workshop. There are 12 workshop rooms, each with a special emphasis: art, drama, computers, storytelling, cooking, geography, puppetry, movement and music, mission and worship. Come to Shepherd's Gate to get plugged in!

Sixth Graders
Sixth graders study the Old Testament. They meet each week at 9:30 in Room N147.



Child Care for Special Events

Child care is available for special events and meetings with a 48-hour reservation. Instructions and details are typically advertised with the event. For more information, contact Child Care Coordinator, Susan Allen at 214-368-6348, ext. 108.



Children & Worship

Worship Education
Worship education begins with "Open Doors," a four-week introduction to worship for first graders that takes place during Sunday school in September. Older children continue to develop their worship skills by visiting the Synagogue School workshop as part of the Sunday school program.

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders
Each fall, NRSV Bibles are presented to third grade students during an 11 a.m. service. For more details, contact Gail Lee at glee@phpc.org or ext. 133.

Children's Worship Bulletins
Bible storybooks and worship kits are available for all ages and can be found in baskets in the narthex and at the north Sanctuary entrance. Please return the kits to the baskets following the worship service so that others may use them.

Acolytes
PHPC's Acolyte program is an opportunity for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders to be a part of a rotating team of three children trained to open the worship services. Each child will generally serve three to five Sundays September through May (excluding December). Scheduling is on a rotating basis and is very flexible. Parents take part by serving as coordinators one or two Sundays as well as being responsible for finding replacements if their child has a conflict and cannot serve. For more information or a registration form, contact Carol Wall at 214-366-3625, or go to www.phpc.org/childregistrations.

Special Opportunities

Children's Stewardship Council
The Children's Stewardship Council is for all 1st through 6th graders. It meets once a month to learn about stewardship and mission. At the end of the school year, the council chooses mission projects to receive the Sunday school offerings received during the year.

Sex Education
PHPC is proud to be at the forefront of churches providing medically sound, biblically-based, and culturally sensitive training on God's gift of sexuality. Classes for 2nd through 6th graders and their parents are offered every other year. The next training will be January 2013.

Kid Connection
Kid Connection is a monthly fellowship opportunity for 5th and 6th graders. It takes place August-June and provides social and service events to build friendship and faith. For more details, contact Jennifer Hallberg at jhallberg@phpc.org or ext. 169.

Parent's Day Out (PDO)
The Parent's Day Out program runs from September to the end of May for children ages 10 months (by August) through three years. Hours are 9:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Tuesday to Friday. For more details, contact Lauren Turner (ext. 122) for more details.

Music, Art, Drama and Dance (MADD)
MADD Afternoon is a fine arts program that allows children to explore the magic of the arts with qualified, experienced teachers who are specialists in their fields. The classes are held on Monday or Tuesday from noon - 2:30 p.m. For further information, please contact Kay Bichler, Director, 214-341-0588 (home) or 214-368-6348, ext. 270.

God and Country Award Classes
In January and February of even-numbered years, children (especially those who are involved in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Campfire) are invited to participate in these classes designed for first grade to eighth grade. For more details, contact Jennifer Hallberg at jhallberg@phpc.org or ext. 169.

Children's Music Program

Children's Choirs
Participation in Children's Choirs is available for children from age 4 through sixth grade. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:30 a.m. Following rehearsal, children are escorted to their Sunday school rooms. Children's Choirs begin in August and conclude in April.

Children's Handbells
The Jubilate Ringers handbell choir provides music for worship services and special programs in the church and community. Designed for third through sixth graders, rehearsals are Sundays from 10:30-10:55 a.m.

Parent Volunteers
Parents, our Children's Music program simply couldn't survive without your support! Please volunteer to be a helper in your child's choir. There are a wide variety of ways in which you can serve, and many require a minimal time commitment. Please sign up to volunteer at www.phpc.org/childregistrations.

For more information, visit www.phpc.org/music or contact Judy Melson, Associate Director of Music, at jmelson@phpc.org, or 214-368-6348, ext. 168.

To sign up for choir and/or handbells or to be a parent volunteer, please visit www.phpc.org/childregistrations.

