

Parkway United Church of Christ

Sunday School Information



Children and youth are always welcome at Parkway UCC!

We have a nursery in Room 6 with dedicated caregivers for infants to 2-years-old. We have clean age-appropriate toys, and engaging activities. Little ones are welcome to stay in service with you if you'd prefer! The nursery is open at 9am until end of worship. If there is a Speaker Series event after worship, childcare will be available from 11:15am to 12:15pm for children infant through 5th grade.

Most Sundays, about 10 - 15 minutes into worship, we will have Children's Time with either Pastor Kevin or Gabriel. After Children's Time, if they would like, children and youth can go downstairs for class. If you and/or your child is more comfortable, you are welcome to come with them for a bit.

During the school year, we use a lectionary-based curriculum to help kids and youth explore faith in meaningful, age-appropriate ways.

In the summer, we switch things up with weekly "Vacation Bible Sundays," a fun, engaging VBS-style experience. This summer, we'll be focusing on themes of immigrants and refugees, helping kids learn about compassion, justice, and belonging.

Here's what Sunday mornings look like by age:

- Ages 3-2nd Grade - Play-based learning that brings Bible stories to life
- 3rd-5th Grade - Deeper Bible exploration with plenty of fun mixed in
- 6th Grade & Up - Youth gather in their own space to explore a curriculum designed just for them



Your child's safety matters to us. All adults working with children are regularly background-checked, and we have at least two adults in every classroom.

Our nursery staff are Parkway UCC employees with professional experience caring for young children and undergo regular background checks as well.

We'd love for your family to join us!

Questions? Feel free to reach out to our Christian Education Director,
Gabriel Requadt.

Expectations

We have simple expectations to help everyone feel safe and happy.
We know that every child is special and different, and that's a wonderful thing!
As we remind kids about our expectations,
we will always do it with kindness, patience, and thoughtfulness.

If there is anything specific you would like us to know about your child, please let Gabriel or one of the teachers know!

- Keep your hands and feet to yourself. This helps everyone feel safe and comfortable.
- Please walk when we are inside.
- Never leave the classroom without asking an adult.
- Be a good listener.
- When we head back upstairs, please make sure your adult is with you before getting a snack.

NURSERY & SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Christian Education Director: Gabriel Requadt is a St. Louis native and McKendree University graduate, who served in the Air Force and is now pursuing ordination in the UCC. He is passionate about helping children and youth grow in faith, explore the Bible, and experience God's inclusive love while engaging in the church's mission for justice. (gabriel@parkwayucc.org or 314-872-9330 ext. 101)

Nursery:

Ms. Katie (gabriel@parkwayucc.org)
Ms. Lakita (gabriel@parkwayucc.org)

Ages 2 through 2nd Grade:

Ms. Carmen (cfbum@charter.net)
Ms. Karen N: (knolte862@gmail.com) z
Ms. Marsha (marshapeek31@gmail.com)
Ms. Ingrid: (scharf.ingrid@gmail.com)

Grades 3rd through 5th

Ms. Kari
Ms. Liz
Ms. Karen M. (ksmariani59@gmail.com)
Ms. Pam

Youth, 6th through 12th Grade:

Ms. Amy: (da_yakel@att.net)

