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Children's Education

Open to read about the
great plans for this year!

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Join us!

Shadow Rock
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

2009-2010

Balancing Word and Deed

Shadow Rock United Church of Christ's education program is Biblically-based, grounded in theological scholarship, believing God is *still* speaking. The Bible can be thought of as God's search for humans and the human search for God. This is a search for meaning and purpose. Where did we come from? Why are we here? What are we supposed to do?

The Bible (both the Hebrew and Christian Testaments) tells the story of this search by people who lived a long time ago. The Christian scriptures tell of Jesus whose life and teachings provide the basis for the Christian religion to which we adhere. It is important to our faith for us to know these timeless stories for they describe all aspects of the human condition and help us answer these questions. The story of God's and

human's search for one another is not over. We continue that search as we live with one another and explore the meaning and purpose of our own lives.

The programs offered by Shadow Rock are Biblically based, not a dogmatic theology, but faith exploration and experiences. Children are nourished and nurtured in an atmosphere of love and care.

There are many activities and interests vying for your children's attention and participation. Many of us find ourselves wanting to do everything and trying to meet other's ideas of whom we "should be." But that's impossible! We hope your children will join us as we explore our faith stories and listen for God speaking as we practice balancing a word about life with the deeds which make life good.

Living a Life of Faith: Balancing Word and Deed

Rock The World

Kindergartners through fourth graders gather in community **each Wednesday** afternoon from September 16 through May 20 at 4:30-6:30 p.m. A lot happens during these two hours: we sing, share a meal and enjoy activities and fellowship. Rock The World provides opportunities for us to live out the truths of our faith tradition sharing God's love with all. This year we'll practice viewing our world with "positive eyes, ears, hearts and attitudes" as we learn about our sisters and brothers around the world. Our focus of outreach is "Pennies for Peace," an organization which helps to fund the building and equipping of schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

You may learn more about this organization by contacting Pennies for Peace at www.penniesforpeace.org

Alternative Rocks

Each Wednesday afternoon from 4:30-6:30 p.m., 5th and 6th graders gather to learn more about themselves and their world through personal growth, mission, stewardship and fellowship experiences. The evening includes music and a shared meal. There are special evening or week-end activities planned in addition to the weekly Wednesday time together.

2009-2010 Sunday Enrichment Hour

A Journey of Discovery, Shadow Rock's own curriculum, is designed and written for seven years of exploring and learning about ourselves and our relationship with God. (K-6th grade) The curriculum draws from the Shadow Rock Covenant and utilizes Biblical stories that illustrate faith "truths" Preschoolers (ages 3 and 4) learn about themselves and celebrate their role in God's world in a self-contained classroom.

September 13-October 19

Unit: What is Most Important to You?

The story of two sisters who host Jesus in their home and what they discovered about what is most important in life: balancing word and deed.

Luke 10: 38-42; 12: 13-21

October 25-November 22

Unit: Those Who Wait

Helping our children to begin thinking in terms of covenants in their own lives: with their families, at school, in sports, with friends, in the church.

Isaiah 40: 27-31; 26:4; 32: 2 II Samuel 2: 22

November 29-December 13

Unit: Celebrating the Christmas Season

Join us to celebrate the joy of the Christmas story.

Luke 2: 1-20

January 24-February 14

Unit: Storm on the Lake

What does it mean to be a person of faith, at what point do we want to "jump ship?" Being a person of faith requires time, effort and great perseverance.

Luke 8: 22-25 Matthew 8: 23-28

February 21-March 28

Unit: It Takes All Kinds

As we hear the stories of Peter and Thomas we realize that there are many perspectives to our faith stories. What is ours? How do we live out our faith?

Matthew 10: 2-4; 14: 29-30; 16: 14-20 Acts 12

John 14:5; 20:24-28; 21: 2 Luke 22: 32-61

April 11-May 2

Unit: Caring for God's Creation

Discovering creation in our midst: living in harmony with all God has created.

Genesis and Psalms

Growing Place

An alternative to attending the 10:15 worship service (9:00 service during June and August) for preschoolers and children K-2. This program offers loving care and activities.

Childcare for infants and toddlers is also available.

Watch the Nuggets
and
check our website
(www.shadowrockucc.org)
for Special Events
throughout the year!

Trunk or Treat
Mystery Family
Caroling
Holiday Activities
Overnights
Workshops

Every program offered is facilitated by loving caring volunteers. These people may or may not have children participating. If you are interested in sharing your love with the children of Shadow Rock by assisting with a program or if you have any questions about the children's programming contact Susan in the church office (602) 993-0050.