Children and Family

Summer is humming along. It is crazy how quickly it has gone! Theatre Arts Camp was able to happen and looked very differently but came together very nicely. There was a total of thirty-two children, youth, and adults that came together to produce three one acts that culminated in A Night of One Acts on Friday, July 24. Thank you to all who supported our endeavors!

As the summer has progressed I have continued offering Sunday morning meet ups at 10:30 am for the children. Kate & Abby Colbow have done an amazing job creating video lessons for the preschool children. These are impressive and are greatly appreciated! I've also been available for Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am as well but have not had much luck. I guess the days are too nice to be on a screen. ;)

I know that I had mentioned that the East Ohio Camps had suspended their programs for the summer, but I have recently learned that they ARE offering Family Camps! That is pretty exciting for those of you looking for something do this summer. Here are the camp links:

Camp Aldersgate

<u>Camp Asbury</u>

Camp Wanake

I am looking ahead to August when we celebrate our incoming third graders as they receive their Bibles. Please know that the Children's Ministry Team is working to still make this happen although it will look different than in years past. If you have a child entering THIRD GRADE this fall, you should have received an email from Tammy regarding the plan. If you did not receive this email, please contact her ASAP at <u>tpalermo@mentorumc.org</u>.

It is not too late to sign up your family or your children individually for the <u>EAT THIS BOOK</u> <u>Challenge</u>! It is a way to plunge into the New Testament. You can join at any time but need to have your sessions completed by September 5th.

I know the months of June and July looked different than in years past. We are still making our way through this pandemic. God knows our needs and our hearts. We just need to remember to lean into His love and care for us. I pray that you are staying safe and healthy and making the best decisions for your family during these days.

By HIS Grace and through HIS love, Tammy

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