

St. Martin UCC Parents, Children and Youth Newsletter

February 2024



**February 15—6 p.m. Kids
Club Join US!!**

**Scripture for February
Kids Club:**

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Matthew 22:37-39

"Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and all your mind.....and Love your neighbor as yourself!"

Kids Club will be Thursday, February 15..As always it will begin at 6 p.m. and include games, snacks, songs, crafts and a Bible Story. We ask everyone to bring Valentines for your friends (about 12) We will create something to bring them home in and have other theme activities. We will also explore the meaning of Lent, as Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day, and Mardi Gras ' Fat Tuesday is February 13! Lots of things to learn about this month!



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY AND MARDI
GRAS 2024!**

Wow! The New Year started out like a scene from "Frozen". We had very low attendance in Sunday School for the beginning of the new year due to weather and illness but many seemed to rebound or at least needed to get out of the house by the time we had January Kids Club...eight kids and eight adults braved the cold to come to our "Snow" Themed event. We focused on God's creation of each of us as unique beings and compared people to snowflakes that are each very different and very special. We focused on the passage from Psalms that says praise God as we are each fearfully and beautifully made. In Bible times the actual translation of the word Fearfully can be "unique"...and we all are! The children made snowmen from rice and socks and then made donut snowmen for snack...we ended the evening playing Snow, Snow, Snow, Frosty (Duck, Duck Goose!)



TAKE NOTE

Vacation Bible School materials have been purchased for the summer event! The Sunday School team and anyone else interested in helping will be meeting once the materials have arrived, for planning...all are welcome and we love having extra volunteers! Watch for the date and time!

Do you know a young person who will be in 6th, 7th or 8th grade next fall who might be interested in Confirmation? We are exploring the interest in a class for the next school year. Confirmation will be an eight month journey learning more about the Bible, Jesus and our denomination. Classes will meet each week at a convenient time for those involved and may include field trips or other endeavors. It would culminate with Confirmation into church membership and First Holy Communion during Holy Week just before Easter. Pastor Poe and Donna will lead the class. We hope to focus on middle school age young people. Please let the church office or Pastor Poe or Donna know if you have a child, grandchild or friend who might be wanting more information.

