



**CHILDREN'S**  
**MINISTRY**



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Children come to me and do not  
stop them, for the Kingdom of  
Heaven belongs to such as these."  
Mt. 19:14



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Parents,  
please save this to use as  
a reference throughout  
the year!

**2011-2012 Handbook**

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## Daily Schedule

### 2nd/3rd Grade

3:40-3:50 Restroom  
 3:50-4:25 Choir (*Chancel Choir Room*)  
 4:30-4:50 \*Playground/Snack  
 4:50-5:30 Bible Study/Pickup  
*2nd Grade - Room C-11*  
*3rd Grade - Room C-9*

### 4th/5th Grade

3:40-4:05 Restroom  
 \*Play/Snack  
 4:05-4:45 Bible Study  
*4th Grade - Acts Way - Room C-2*  
*5th Grade - Biblenet Crossing - Room C-3*  
 4:50-5:30 Choir/Pickup (*Chancel Choir Room*)

\*Rain plan - Lobby

**ONE CHURCH:  
 CHRIST CENTERED -  
 SPIRIT LED  
 Loving God, Loving People  
 Reaching Out and  
 Making Disciples**

## Daily Schedule

**Preschool** - in classrooms for choir, Bible Study, Snack,  
and Playtime 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

3 year olds - Room C-5

4 year olds - Room C-7

### **Kindergarten/First Grade**

3:40-4:00 Restroom (*Children's Bldg Lobby*)

4:00-4:30 Snack/\*\*Playground

4:30-5:00 1st Grade-Choir

Kindergarten-Bible Study

5:00-5:30 1st Grade-Bible Study/Pickup\*

Kindergarten-Choir/Pickup\*\*

\*Bible Study in *Creation Station*

\*\*Choir in *Shake, Rattle & Soul*

\*\*\*Rain plan -

**Room C-8**

**Room C-4**

Lobby

## Statement of Purpose

In response to  
God's lavish love  
in calling us His  
children (1 John 3:1), and  
knowing that He desires a  
relationship with even the smallest  
child (Matthew 19:14), Park Avenue  
Children's Ministry exists to make  
disciples (Matthew 28:19) of all  
children through teaching,  
love and prayer.

## K-Kids Facts

- Who:** Children ages 3 years to 5th grade
- What:** An after school program in which children participate in choir, Bible study, fellowship and snack.
- When:** Beginning August 24th—Wednesday afternoons from 3:30—5:30 p.m.
- Where:** Park Avenue United Methodist Church
- Why:** Because Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not stop them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.” - Mt. 19:14
- How:** With the help of volunteers who feel called to bring children to Jesus.

**\$30 Donation per family/per year**  
*(This donation includes a K-Kids t-shirt.  
Add \$10.00 for each additional shirt.)*

## 2011-2012 Dates

- August 24** - K-Kids begins
- November 23** - No K-Kids (*Thanksgiving holidays*)
- December 7** - Preschool-1st Grade Christmas Program
- December 14** - 2nd-5th grade Christmas Program
- December 21** - No K-Kids (*Christmas Break*)
- December 28** - No K-Kids (*Christmas Break*)
- January 4** - No K-Kids (*Christmas Break*)
- January 11** - K-Kids Resumes
- March 28** - No K-Kids (*The Promise*)
- April 4** - No K-Kids (*Spring Break*)
- May 2** - Last K-Kids for the school year
- May 6** - Children’s Sunday, where many of the children sing at morning services, followed by the Family Picnic in the afternoon and the Children’s Choir Program that evening

*\*\*Other special dates may come up during the year and will be announced in time for adequate preparation.*

## E-mail

Children's Ministry Email

[parkavenuechildren@gmail.com](mailto:parkavenuechildren@gmail.com)

\*\*\* Parents, please email me here so I can save your address and we can more efficiently correspond. Thank You!

## Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

**Parents,** Please notify the church office before noon on Wednesday if your child is not coming to K-Kids.

**Preschool Children (3 & 4 yr. olds)** will be dropped off by parents at 3:30 and picked up by parents at 5:30 at their classrooms in the Children's Building.

**Elementary Children (K-5)** will be dropped off at the Children's Building, where their Shepherds will be waiting. Pick up for K-3rd grade is from their final classroom (p. 10-11). Pick up for 4th & 5th grades is from the Choir Room.

*Children **must be signed out** by an authorized adult. Leaders will have clipboards to sign out.*

## Safe Sanctuaries

Park Avenue United Methodist Church is committed to providing a safe, secure environment for our young people. In keeping with the commitment, Park Avenue is a **“Safe Sanctuaries”** congregation. This means that all volunteers who work with your youth and children sign a Volunteer Covenant and go through a background check.

## Discipline Policy

*“And have you not forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as His children? He said, ‘My child, don’t make light of the Lord’s discipline, and don’t give up when He corrects you. For the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes each one He accepts as His child.’”*

Hebrews 12:5-6

Understanding that children will not always have perfect behavior, Park Avenue leaders will exhibit love and grace when the need to redirect behavior arises. In the event of multiple offenses with no resolution, or when the safety of the offending child or other children is compromised, parents will be called to pick up the child.