

# Spring Hill Presbyterian Church

## Children and Youth Ministry News

### October 2019



Children's Ministry Candles for Harvest Day

**Hello Everyone,**

The Children's Ministry has been quite active during October with the farm field trip, craft projects, for Harvest Day, beginning rehearsals for Homecoming/Thanksgiving, and the Christmas Musical, and also having Trunk-or-Treat. Our Wednesday evenings have been spent working on candles for Harvest Day and practicing for the Thanksgiving/Homecoming services. We have also started rehearsals for the Christmas Musical entitled "Unfrozen".

### Scenes from the field trip to Riley's Farm





It was a beautiful, warm, sunny October day for the field trip to the farm. We all met at our turkey barn and everybody got to meet our house full of turkey hens who shared their wonderful aroma and loud gobbling with us. Everybody boarded the wagon and we headed down through the field where Molly and Abby (grey donkeys) eagerly accepted lots of loves and petting. On down through the field we went and encountered the sheep and goats, who surprisingly were a little shy that day. Finally, at the barn, Festus and his mom, Sweetie Pie came right out to meet everyone but Sugar (the heifer calf) was more comfortable staying in her pen. Back on the wagon, we headed for the wooded area on the farm hoping to see some fall foliage, but the trees had not turned very much at that point. We stopped and enjoyed the view for a few minutes and had a short vesper time. I read Psalm 121 and talked about how that view reminded me of my favorite Psalm. Just a few minutes after getting back on the wagon, we were all very excited to spot a bear. I had not expected that to happen. We ended up back at our house and had soup and a lot of other goodies for supper. What a fun afternoon!

### Scenes from Trunk-or-Treat



Thank you to Bob Selkirk for sharing all of these photos.

October always brings on our annual Trunk-or-Treat. This year was the 13<sup>th</sup> year that Spring Hill has provided this fun, safe, Christian Halloween alternative. “Thanks” to everybody who donated food and money for the event, we were able to serve hamburgers, hotdogs, soup, chili, chips, s’mores and drinks free to everyone who braved the weather and attended. Also, “Thanks” to everyone who helped in the kitchen and with clean-up, and provided cars (a table this year) and treats. The children were able to go home with candy and treats they knew were safe to eat.

Now it is time to start thinking about all the things we have coming up in November and December. The L.O.G. Bells will be playing the introit for the Homecoming/Thanksgiving Service on November 17<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday, November 23 the Sunday School and Children’s Ministry are teaming up to pack Shoe Boxes during our Wee Thankful Ones event. If you would be interested in helping with this project, please let Kim May or myself know. It requires lots of help making sure all the boxes are filled appropriately and marked for the correct age group. Adults and older youth helping the younger children with the packing really makes this adventure go a lot “smoother”. Acolyte training for new acolytes will be held after our Thanksgiving Feast and dismissal.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Middle and High School Youth have an opportunity to attend a Dinner Theatre performance of a Christmas Musical at Bridgewater United Methodist Church. The evening includes a delicious meal at the “Bethlehem Inn”. The musical takes place during the meal and makes you feel like you are a guest on the evening of the birth of Jesus. It is a wonderful experience. The cost for each Youth will be \$9.00 and the Children’s/Youth Ministry will match that with \$9.00. Each ticket is \$18.00 so each youth will only need to pay half. We will try to arrange carpooling from Spring Hill for those who are interested. Please let me know ASAP because the tickets are limited and go quickly. I will need to order the tickets by Wednesday of this week.

Mom’s Morning Out will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019. This is a time for Moms to have a few hours to prepare for Christmas while their children have care at the church. A nursery and light lunch will be provided. Please let me know if your child/children will be attending. This also requires lots of adult help. If you would be available, please let me know.

The Christmas breakfast will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> and the L.O.G. Bells will be playing. On the evening of December 15<sup>th</sup>, the Christmas Musical, “Unfrozen” will be presented at 6:30. All cast members will need to be at the church and dressed by 6:00. The Wednesday night Bible Study group will be playing bells during the musical. We are already practicing for the musical on Wednesday evenings and full cast dress rehearsals for all readers, narrator, props, leaders and choir will be held at 7:00 on December 11 and 12. I will be at the church at 6:00 on the 11<sup>th</sup> to give out costumes. Please come early so that the children can get into their costume and be ready to go at 7:00. Since these are school nights, I would like for the rehearsal to be over by 8:15. If there is inclement weather on the 15<sup>th</sup>, the musical will be presented on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If you have any questions about any of these events, please contact me. Thank you again for sharing your children with me.

In Christian Love,

*Donna*

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# Children's Church

Sunday morning Children's Church requires many volunteers to keep this children's ministry operating.

When the Children go out to Children's Church, they go to a worship service that is age appropriate for them. They have a curriculum lesson, take up offering, share prayer concerns, pray, sing and worship together, and sometimes have some craft time. They are learning about all the different aspects of a regular church service – such as the Lord's Prayer, Doxology, Apostles Creed, and praying aloud. If anyone would be interested in learning more about this valuable ministry, please talk to me about observing Children's Church one Sunday just to get an idea of the routine.

Thank you to all those volunteers who help out every month. Having lots of volunteers makes it possible to have a rotating schedule for duties. Please consider helping with Children's Church.

During Wednesday Evenings we do quite a few different things. We practice for performances, work on all sorts of projects, play games, and have Bible Study. We also like to have the children involved in the activities of Spring Hill. We are already working on music to present for the Homecoming service and also the Christmas musical.

We are so happy that our Wednesday night group is also growing. "Special Thanks" to Nancy McLeod for volunteering her time to assist on Wednesdays.

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**  
Kids – 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Homecoming/Thanksgiving Sunday – November 17, 2019**  
L.O.G. Bells participate

**Wee Thankful Ones – November 23, 2019, 9:00 – 12:00 noon**  
Pack Shoe Boxes, Thanksgiving Feast, and Acolyte training

**Dinner Theatre Christmas Musical - December 6, 2019**  
Bridgewater United Methodist Church - Middle and High School Youth

**Mom's Morning Out – December 7, 2019, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon**  
Nursery provided

**Musical Full Cast Dress rehearsals – December 11 and 12, 2019**  
6:00 for costumes, 7:00-8:15 rehearsal

**Christmas Breakfast – Sunday Morning, December 15, 2019**  
L.O.G Bells present program

**Christmas Musical Program – Sunday, December 15, 2019**  
6:30 followed by Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall  
Inclement Weather make-up date – Sunday, December 22, 2019



**Happy, Happy Birthdays  
In October  
To**

**Maelie Curry – 10/2      Paige Fix – 10/7      Cody Selkirk – 10/9  
Aiden Lilley – 10/14      Bryce Burton – 10/19      Karina Clark – 10/31**

# Spring Hill Kids in the News

## Sports



Willie Skelton and his team mates were the undefeated 2019 Champions of the Bison Quarterback Club.



Cortlyn Koontz and her Sports Medicine team mates were recognized for their work with the Fort Defiance Football team during the last football game.



Archer and Abe Pattie are taking Horseback riding lessons at Simmons Sport Horses, LLC.



Conner McDaniel represented Fort Defiance and shot 84 at the Golf regionals at Ironwood.

## Scouting



Daniel Worrell was recognized at a recent school board meeting for his Eagle Scout project. His project was to beautify the entrance to Stewart Middle School. His Eagle Scout Court of Honor is being planned and will be held at Spring Hill.

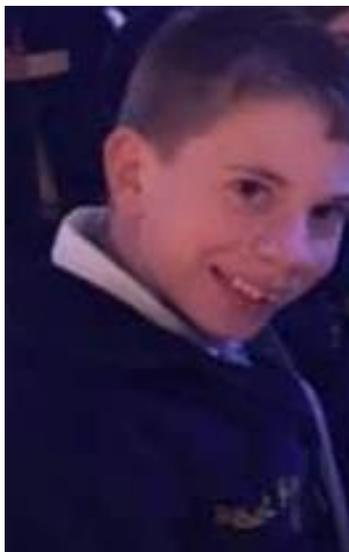
# Agriculture



Emory and Coleman Seal, along with their Granddaddy Seal, and their team of horses rode in the Greenbrier River Trail Ride 2019.



Emory and Coleman competed at the State Fair of Virginia with their Champion Gilt. Coleman was also the 4<sup>th</sup> overall showman for his age division.



Bert May recently represented Stewart Middle School FFA at the 92<sup>nd</sup> National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.