

# Children's Ministry Newsletter

## June 2026



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### **6/2 – 6/13: Cindy Hughes' Vacation**

I ask for your prayers for safe and smooth travels! For any needs during this time, reach out to Amy [U2kids@chmaster.org](mailto:U2kids@chmaster.org), or contact the church office [office@chmaster.org](mailto:office@chmaster.org) or (614) 882-2153

#### **Sunday, 6/7: Family Worship at 11AM**

Children remain in the Sanctuary to share in the traditional liturgy and hymns, and to receive Communion. Grab an activity kit or book from the Gathering Space. (Nursery care is available.)

#### **Sunday, 6/14: Sonbeams begins**

3-year-olds through rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be flexibly grouped each week based on the numbers/ages of children attending. See below for more details!

#### **Sunday, 6/21: VBS set-up following 11AM worship**

It shouldn't take long, but the more hands we have, the faster it goes!

#### **2026 VBS: Operation Restoration: June 22-26, 9am-Noon!**

#### **Sunday, 6/28: VBS Sunday, 10 AM Combined Worship**

Come to Worship on the Sunday following VBS, so we can celebrate our week together!

#### **Thursday Park Meet-Ups, 5:30-7:30**

Join other Church of the Master families for an informal meet-up at the playground - there are different parks to explore each week! Come when you're able, pack a picnic dinner if you wish, invite friends, leave when you need to – this is just a casual way to keep the “M&Ms energy” and relationships going through the summer months!

**June 4:** Blendon Wood Metropark, Natural Play area/ages 2-5 Playground (bring towels, water shoes for creeking, etc---choices on level of adventure, but this has the potential to be a messy one)

**June 11:** McNamara Park, Galena (playground for littles, field for olders)

**June 18:** Friendship Park, Gahanna (playground for littles, pickleball, basketball, creeking, storybook trail)

**June 25:** no scheduled meet-up, VBS week

### LOOKING AHEAD – SAVE THE DATES:

**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>: Backpack Blessing in Worship**

**Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>: M&Ms Resumes**

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>: Dewdrops/Rainbows/U2 Resumes**

**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>: 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration!**

**Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation**

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>: Children's Sabbath**

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

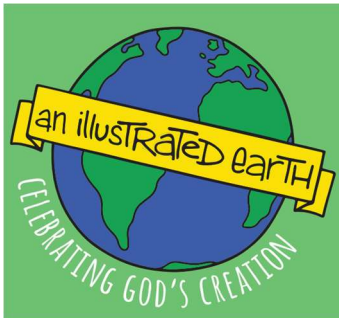
### **Sonbeams Volunteers!**

While we are still taking the summer off from our regular Dewdrops/Rainbows/U2 teaching rotation, we need a 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult for those Sundays when Amy or I will be unavailable. Based on the steady attendance we had last summer, we will also be asking for a 3<sup>rd</sup> adult/youth for most Sundays – with all ages combined, we were often having around 20 children present! We are asking for just 8 more people total over the course of the summer, so sign up [here](#) if you're able give us a Sunday or two!

### **SUMMER Acolytes Needed for June - August!**

2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders fulfill this special role during 11AM Worship. Sign up as often as you wish, but be sure your family can commit to arriving about 10 minutes early. Acolytes for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month have additional responsibilities; ask Cindy for details. <https://tinyurl.com/AcolyteSummer>

## **OTHER NOTES:**



### **Summer “Sonbeams” on Sunday Mornings!**

During the summer months, instead of Dewdrops/Rainbows/U2, we offer our Sonbeams program: children will be flexibly grouped each week based on the numbers/ages of children attending, often remaining in one large group (3, 4, and 5 year-olds are welcome in the nursery if parents prefer that space instead of a multi-age environment). Sonbeams runs June 14 – August 30.

Our Sonbeams curriculum will be *An Illustrated Earth: Celebrating God's Creation*. It is designed to draw children into conversation with Bible stories that celebrate water, plants, food, and animals as elements of God's creation. Each lesson provides opportunities to focus on the story with open-ended questions and creating meaningful art.

### **Overnight “Church Camps!”**

West and East Ohio Conferences partner to provide various summer-camp opportunities for children and youth at Camp Aldersgate, Camp Asbury, and Camp Wanake. Church of the Master offers partial camp scholarships to members/children of members; contact Cindy for scholarship details. To see camp offerings and register online go to [www.EOCSummerCamps.org](http://www.EOCSummerCamps.org)

### **Join “Church of the Master Children’s Ministry” Facebook group!**

This is a private group for parents of kids involved in our children’s ministry, so we can share reminders, stories and pictures! [www.facebook.com/groups/chmasterchildren/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/chmasterchildren/)