

JANUARY 2020 REPORT TO TRUSTEES

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

BIRTH- SIXTH GRADE

An innovative, re-imagined, leading edge ministry which equips children and families to practice lifelong faith with enthusiasm.

2018-2019 ANNUAL

JANUARY 2020

81

AVERAGE WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

91

(revised to exclude 7th & 8th grades)
Out of 325 children on the rolls in preschool through sixth grade, 228 attended Sunday school. There was a 5% attendance increase from 2017.



259 children birth- sixth registered.
34 added since October.
Fourth grade attendance up 27%
Fifth/Sixth attendance up 21%.



OVERALL AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

118 TOTAL

MIDWEEK YOUTH GROUPS

Faith234 (Brand new) - 7
MSYG - 15

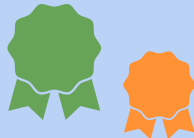
Includes teachers, HS leaders, and children for all ministry events.

52.6%

CHILDREN ATTENDING SUNDAY SCHOOL MORE THAN ONCE A MONTH

65%

According to national averages, once per month is now considered regular attendance.
Our goal is 60% for 2019-2020.



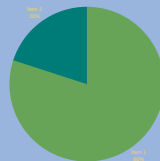
Biggest gains in 4th, 5th & 6th grades:
from 40%-80% in 4th
from 30%- 55% in 5th & 6th

80%

VISITOR RETURN RATE

41%

25 families with 65 children filled out a registration form.



17 families have visited, 7 more than once.
37 children total.
**Registration forms are now required, lowering the return rate from last year.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY STAFF 2019-2020

GRETA CONNOR

CHRISTINE V. HIDES

KATIE SNIPES LANCASTER

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

Dear Board of Trustees:

The Children's and Families Committee met on Sunday, January 12 and the following members were in attendance: Katie-Snipes Lancaster, Christine Hides, Greta Connor, Diana Connolly, Melanie Earle, Tracey Richter, Virginia Reising, Kristie Dold-Bennett, Hilary Scott and Julia Peterson. Christine began the meeting by inviting the committee to review KUC on Yelp or Google and shared the outstanding results of this year's weekly attendance. The average weekly Sunday school attendance is up, in particular, for 4th, 5th and 6th grades! This outcome is undoubtedly due to teaching teams, Christine re-writing the curriculum for this cohort, electronic check in and the warm and inviting spaces that the committee has created over the last year! Christine also reported children attending Sunday school more than once a month has increased as well. I reviewed the Capital Campaign congregational letter and asked the committee to look for more information to come.

Teaching Teams sub committee updates:

- There will be a celebration luncheon for our teaching teams on Sunday, 2/23 at 11:30 a.m. in the basement classrooms. We hope to have 30 plus in attendance.
- The committee will write letters of gratitude on 1/27 for our current teaching teams.
- Christine is offering a bible study for current teachers at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, 3/1 and 3/8
- Teacher recruitment for 20/21 will begin in February.

Outreach:

Julia and Virginia reported a successful Lawrence Hall project with 100 children receiving gifts from KUC families. Virginia stated that having the gifts dropped off the same day as Christopher House was convenient and seemed to work well and AJN families enjoyed being a part of the project. Questions from committee about ways we can communicate to our children the outreach process. Hilary has an interest in working with Chris Cole to select next year's featured agency.

Summer Programs:

The Colorado trip scheduled for June may be cancelled due to lack of registration. The committee suggested offering a local one night event in late August for those interested who cannot attend Colorado for logistical reasons. VBS is scheduled and the theme is "Great Big Beautiful World."

New innovations:

Katie and Christine reported that the new Faith 234 on Tuesdays is taking off! They had 15 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders in attendance last week. Greta reported on the Family Advent Event - we had over 20 families participate in this new event!!! Katie invited the committee to think about having a 90 minute vision conversation in the near future. Purpose would be to consider out of the box ideas for children and families to worship together. TBASpecial Note: Stephanie Wilson and Chris Beer have stepped off the committee to pursue other committee areas at KUC. We are so grateful for their contributions to our Children and Families! Our next committee meeting is Sunday, 3/1/2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Connolly
Chair of Children's and Families Committee

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Diana Connolly, chair, Kristie Dold Bennett, Kim Crossgrove, Carrie Diamond, Melanie Earle, Betsy Harootyan, Julia Peterson, Virginia Reising, Tracey Richter, Nancy Rolison, Hilary Scott, Wendy Yamada

THREE YEAR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES & GOALS



Wait listed teaching teams of 8-10 people for each classroom.
100% participation in teacher orientation.
30% participation in new teacher development events..

DEVELOP AN ENTHUSIASITC COMMUNITY OF ADULT LEADERS WHO MENTOR AND GUIDE CHILDREN

Implement electronic check in and greeting process. 100% of children greeted at the door.

Update website, newsletter and print media.

Use Christ-like, inclusive practices and language to welcome persons of all races, orientations, gender identities, economic classes, physical and mental abilities.

MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE A SAFE, WARM, WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT

A "Discipleship Pathways" document developed, implemented, published and reviewed (annually).

Evaluate and design new curriculum for grade 2-6 grades using best practices and research.

Create two new milestones in addition to 3rd grade Bible.

DEVELOP A SEAMLESS AND ENGAGING DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY FROM BIRTH – 18

CREATE TWO NEW FAITH FORMATION FORMATS, IN ADDITION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Research and develop a home, intergenerational, parent, or midweek faith formation opportunity which utilizes the Discipleship Pathway.

Develop parent equipping & membership/information events

Work with AJN and Building Committee to optimize storage & shared space.

STRENGTHEN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY BETWEEN AJN AND KUC



BECOME AN AREA LEADER/ RESOURCE IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Research and develop connections with local organizations, area Christian educators, and other Kenilworth Union Ministries.

Work with Christian education groups to publish articles and lead webinars.