



Church School Information

At SUMC the church school year for **2017-2018** will begin on **Rally Day, September 10th**. Our Sunday school classes are held during the 10:30 worship service. We have classes for children preschool age to 7th grade as well as nursery care for younger children. The following are brief summaries of the classes we will be offering for children on Sunday mornings beginning this fall.

Nursery Care

Nursery care is provided for children under 3 years old.

Nursery care is available during the 9:00 and 10:30 services. Children are cared for in a warm, friendly environment by experienced staff and volunteers. Parents must sign their little ones in and out of the attendance log and remain on church property while their children are in our nursery attendant's care.

Preschool

Our preschooler class is for children 3 years old through pre-K.

Our youngest church school class starts their faith journey with the Cokesbury's curriculum *Deep Blue*. This series teaches Bible lessons through short stories and crafts. Each story will have an Anchor Point such as "God cares for all people." These sayings will help preschoolers remember the important lessons that the stories are conveying.



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Kindergarten – 5th Grade

Kindergarteners – 5th graders begin each week in the sanctuary with their parents. After the pastor’s “Time for Children”, students leave for their Sunday school classes with their teachers & shepherds.

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade participate each week in a dynamic “rotational” model of learning. The rotations provide children opportunities to know God and understand God’s Word through varied learning experiences. One major Bible story or theme is taught for a five-week period (a “rotation”) in a variety of kid-friendly workshops, such as art, games, storytelling, science, and cooking. The children attend a different workshop each week that reinforces the Bible concept under study.

Room assignments can be found on our website at www.simsburyumc.org. Click on “church school” which is to the left of the home page, then click “weekly room assignments”. Classroom information will also be posted outside of both entrances to Wesley Hall and are updated each week.



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Jr. Youth: 6th-7th Grade

Youth in 6th -7th grade start out each week in the sanctuary with their families. After the pastor's "Time for Children" students meet with their teachers in Verdin Parlor.

The Jr. Youth class is taught using Cokesbury's *Submerge* curriculum. The lessons in this series are designed to engage students in activities that lead to thoughtful discussions about people and events in Bible times. The goal is to make connections between the past and how we live our lives as Christians today. Lessons this year include *Dive Deeper into Genesis, Exodus and the Judges, Kings and Prophets, Advent and Christmas, the life of Jesus.*

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes will be held in the Barn September 17 @ 5:30 2017-May 2018 for 8th and 9th graders. At the end of the class students will have the opportunity, if they choose, to confirm for themselves the vows which were made for them at their baptism. There is a mandatory retreat in the spring.