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## YOUTH MINISTRY

Sonia Donnelly, Director

April was an amazing month for our youth! It started with a cancellation due to inclement weather, but quickly turned around to be an April to remember! Our EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA event that was held on April 9<sup>th</sup> welcomed over 170 youth into the building with around 350 people total. It was a night that started with a delicious dinner (thanks kitchen crew!), and from there families were welcome to walk through the Jerusalem Marketplace that volunteers had created. They could stop in the Spice Shop to hear how spices are used throughout the Bible, smell them and grab a sweet treat on their way out. At the Pottery Shop they made pinch pots, which are some of the earliest forms of pottery dating back to 6000 to 7000 BCE. Weaving was learned at the Basket Shop, and next-door to that the kids could choose beads to make a custom jewelry creation. A stop at the Synagogue School taught youth how to write in Hebrew, play the dreidel game, learn about the origins of Christianity and the environment that Jesus would have taught children in. Finally, a stop at the Farmers Market let them find eggs filled with candy, trinkets and mini-Jesus's, and was such a hit that we had to dig into the emergency candy stashes around the building - BEST problem ever to have! This was a fantastic outreach that saw many families come into our doors, learn a little about life during the time of Jesus and experience His love through our wonderful volunteers who ran the night. Thank you to ALL who participated!

April concluded with a fabulous (although delayed due to March's weather) presentation by Katherine Holsworth for World Down's Syndrome Day. Youth watched videos, participated in hands-on activities, did a service project and learned more about the different abilities we all have. Our Young Disciples also began work on projects for National Teacher Appreciation week and National Police Week that will be delivered in early May. We will be concluding Wednesday's Young Disciples program for the year with a picnic and outdoor games on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

### KRINGLE FUNRAISER

Thank you to ALL who purchased Uncle Mike's Kringles! We raised over \$330 that will be put toward our Mission Trip fund to be used in the future. Your continued support of the youth and all they do is appreciated.

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### LIFEST 2025 AT SUNNYVIEW EXPO CENTER IN OSHKOSH: Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

Help us fill the bus! *Lifest* is an outdoor Christian Music Festival in Oshkosh, Wisconsin that runs from July 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. We plan to attend this event on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, and have a bus lined up for transportation (thanks to our pie auction last fall and the Seroogy candy bar sales!). The bus will depart late morning and return around 1:00a.m.

This event is for ALL ages, and families are encouraged to attend. One-day tickets for adults are \$42 and for youth \$21. To plan for busing we need to know how many are attending, please sign up in the Fireside Room.



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# Vacation Bible School



June 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>  
9:00a.m. to **Noon**

For children 4 years old (by June 16<sup>th</sup>) through those  
completing 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Sign up your child/children today to experience this phenomenal week of live  
music, Bible adventures, faith explorations, games, and delicious snacks.

**Register by Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** to receive a free CD of the VBS music.

Forms are on the table in the Fireside Room or  
on our website: [kingsfpc.org](http://kingsfpc.org) and then click on Youth Ministry

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## UPCOMING VBS MEETINGS

**Crew Leaders and Helpers need to  
attend ONE of the following meetings**

Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:45p.m.

Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00a.m.

### **ALL VBS Volunteers Meeting**

Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00a.m.

*In the pavilion.*

## Food Donations

During VBS we serve the kids (and  
adults!) a snack every day. We are  
in need of a variety of items to make  
the snacks. We also have a picnic on  
the last day for the kids and their  
families, so food donations are  
needed for the picnic as well. Check  
the sign-up sheets on the VBS table  
for items to donate. Thank you!