

September 10, 2021

Dear Families,

A special delivery (in a paper bag on your door!) is coming your way that will be of particular interest to your child/children if they were not present in-person last Sunday, September 5, for worship at 10am for the blessing of the backpacks. The bag has a letter from Elissa, a postcard of coming church events, Sunday school Zoom materials and a “back-pack blessing” gift – a carabiner with a flashlight and compass for your child’s backpack. The compass signifies God’s guidance, and the flashlight, Jesus as the light of the world.



The Haven – our program for middle and high school youth - will be restarting September 19th with a special event at Burlington’s Oakledge Park. Our “Kick-Off” event - the **Messy Olympics** - will begin at 5:00 and end at 6:30. Mark you calendar for this exciting event led by [Hannah](#) and Jason. A full calendar of fall events is available using this [LINK](#).

I will be offering Sunday School at 9:30am weekly on [Zoom](#) (<https://bit.ly/churchschool930>) - beginning this Sunday 9/12 - for interested elementary school age children. I am aware that many families don’t want to return to in-person worship currently and want to include all children in growing their faith. Lessons for September and October are based on the book of Luke. Please join me on Zoom!

Childcare will be provided on Sunday mornings at church during worship for infants, toddlers, and Church School for children in grades K to 5. Masks are at parent discretion for toddlers. Adults and children over two will be masked inside. Please, visit the **"Children's Check-in Kiosk"** prior to worship to sign in younger children. Preschool and elementary children will have a prayer circle, Bible story, and play outside at the Ronald McDonald House weather permitting. Middle schoolers and high school students are encouraged to worship in the sanctuary.

Until next week - In Faith,

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