

**First United Methodist Church**  
**Children's Ministry Committee**  
March 19, 2019

The Children's Ministry Committee met on March 19, 2019, at 6:30p in the church's library.

Present were: Barb McCart, Al Schumacher, Susann Schumacher, Charlene Jett, Kristin Stombaugh, Terry Westerfield, Susan Casey, Dennette Guyer, and Jeremie Rademacher.

Absent were: Sharon Mueller, Mark Burnam, Lisa Burnam, Kari Hagy, and Kelly Clark.

Chairperson Barb McCart called the meeting to order at 6:30p, and Susann Schumacher led the committee in prayer.

The minutes from the October 2018 meeting were accepted as posted on the church's website.

Casey Kistler has volunteered to lead Vacation Bible School. It will be open to children from age three (need to be house broken) to sixth grade and will be held Monday through Friday, June 10 – 14, from 8:30a to 11:00a. Titled "To Mars and Beyond," the lessons will be based on Ephesians 3:20: "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine." An informational meeting was held Sunday after worship with several leadership positions being filled. Volunteers are welcome to help and may contact Casey. It was suggested that VBS information be given to the Leader Union newspaper for its calendar of events. Al Schumacher said that the Ramsey radio station will run ads for free.

The summer Sunday School schedule will run from June 2 through September 1. Teachers will be solicited on a weekly basis for two classes, pre-k through first grade and grades 2-6. The committee members agreed that this information should be included in the April Pews News and in the Weekly Pews News beginning in April.

Sharon Mueller does not want to teach next year; therefore, a teacher will be needed for the first through third grade class.

The Chancel Choir will assist the children in passing out palm branches on Palm Sunday, (April 14) during the processional hymn. Sunday School teachers are asked to assist the children. An Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by EPIC, will be held for the children (through sixth grade), starting around 11:00a, on Palm Sunday. Teachers need to be with the children until the time of the hunt.

Pastor Terry will check to see if VBS registration forms include a request for participants' church affiliation. (Yes, it has in the past.)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07p.

The next meeting will likely take place in late summer unless there is a need to find teachers for the 2019-2020 year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Westerfield