



Sunday School has REGATHERED!



October 11: Jesus Raised Lazarus*

October 18: Jesus's Triumphal Entry*

October 25: Jesus Was Questioned*

*All lessons will be recorded and will be emailed out in the weekly emails. Stay up to date with our journey through the New Testament by watching the lessons. We are on the journey to Jesus' Death and Resurrection in the upcoming weeks.

Our Re-Opening in person last week was AWESOME! It was so great to see so many of you! Just as a reminder, the nursery (ages 0-3) will be open during the 9:45 service only.

We had 60 children return last Sunday and are hopeful more do so as the month of October continues.



Do you love encouraging and helping children? We are looking for a few more individuals to join our team to help teach OR help in our classrooms this fall.

Current Needs:

1st grade teacher (2x a month)

Helpers (especially in the 3-year old, Pre-K, 1st grade and 4/5th grade)

Please email Abbie Burton at aburton@umcogs.org or call at (717)272-7741 if interested in serving in this way.



1st Grade Bibles

It's that time of year where our 1st graders need to pick the Bibles they would like to receive! Please be sure that if you have a 1st grade kiddo that you are signing up for a Bible by Saturday, October 17th. A link was sent to your email this past Friday.



Military Care Packages

We have a mission project for our COGS Kids and our Forge Youth! One of our own COGS families has been living without their husband/dad since July 1st as he was deployed in the Middle East for a year. The Smith Family has 4 children and Meghan (mom) has been holding it all together at home while Nate serves our country. Nate is a Chinook pilot. Meghan recently shared a video from where he is stationed of their current conditions and what they have available to them. The Command Sergeant Major shared how they LOVE and appreciate getting care packages.

So, our mission-- let's show them the love and generosity of our COGS Kids and their families by putting some care packages together for Nate and his fellow soldiers.

We will be collecting beginning next Sunday 10/18, and also 10/25 and 11/1.

There will be boxes located by the Worship Center and then at the Youth Ministry table.

- notes/cards of encouragement
- travel size or smaller bottles of shampoo, body wash and sunscreen
- toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant
- crackers, dried fruits, nuts, chips, salsa, jerky, non-melting candy/trail mix
- gum and mints
- ground or whole bean coffee
- non-caffeinated hot tea bags
- single-serve drink mixes like hot chocolate/lemonade/iced tea
- crossword/word search/puzzle books
- books/magazines - Nate loves aviation, military history, golf, running and woodworking



COGS Kids T-shirts

I'm pleased to announce that our children's ministry now has a name and a logo due to the hard work of our COGS Kids Leadership Team and then a final vote from our COGS Kids and their families. We met to put together a vision and a mission for our Children & Family Ministry over our months of the stay at home order. Every child will receive a tie-dyed t-shirt as well as all the adults who serve in our Children's Ministry (teachers/helpers and those that help behind the scenes.) We are asking our families for a donation, if they are able, towards the cost of the shirts but I wanted to put it out there if any of you would like to support our desire for everyone to have a t-shirt in order to share our ministry/mission to the community when we wear them.

If you would like to support that all of our COGS Kids and Team members (Volunteers) get a t-shirt, please make a check payable to COGS and in the memo, please put COGS Kids t-shirts and give to Abbie or mail it to my attn. at the church. A HUGE thank you to all of you who are able and willing to help in this way!

Parents and COGS Kids Team members, please be sure you are recording your name and sizes on the spreadsheets that Abbie has emailed out. We need all orders in by Sunday, October 18th! Thank you!!



Adults will be blue, green, red or black solid

Our COGS Kids Logo



Our COGS Kids Mission

(on the back of the t-shirts)

K now God and His Word

Involve in Friendship and Fellowship

Develop Spiritual Gifts

Serve

COGS Kids Choir

Yes, we started a children's choir! You might be asking, how are you having a children's choir



with COVID? Well, our children's choir began in September practicing virtually. They are doing a great job, under the direction of Serena Heffner. Serena will soon be putting together the kids' first virtual performance, singing, "By Our Love" to share with our families. After that, they will go on to learn some Christmas songs for a recorded performance for Christmas Eve services. I look forward to you all getting to enjoy their performance! You won't be disappointed!

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends



This coming week, October 14th and 15th, are the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Days! Shop at Boscov's and tell them you are shopping for Church of the Good Shepherd. You will get 20% off your purchase and Boscov's will give COGS 5% back!

Have fun shopping!