

Our fourth year of rotation Sunday School is well on its way. This year our focus will be "Faith". We have many fun lessons planned, and are excited to see the many faces that will be joining us on our journey. In order to have another successful year, we are in need of volunteers. Please consider your gifts and join us this year. Below is a list of frequently asked questions.

What is Rotation Sunday School? It is a four week study of one Bible lesson. The children are broken into groups, based on grade, and rotate to different stations each week.

What are the stations? We have five stations and will use only four per rotation. The five stations are:
Creation Station: Arts/Crafts
Garden of Eatin': Food Activities
Holyword Theater: Educational movies
Rock of Ages Stages: Drama
Cross-Training: Games, Puzzles, Science Projects, Computer Lab, and Special Talents

How is each Sunday set up? Sunday School will be held every Sunday from 9:45 - 10:40 between the church services.

At 9:45 a bell will ring indicating the beginning of Sunday School. All Kindergarten through 5th grade students will gather in the Sanctuary to discuss the rotation theme for the month and to raise their voices in song to praise the Lord. At 10:00 the children will be dismissed to their stations for the day. Another bell will ring for the dismissal of Sunday School.

Why do we teach using the rotation Sunday School format? According to Howard Gardner there are 8 different ways we learn. By acknowledging our children learn in different ways, our curriculum offers a variety of teaching methods to address these styles. By focusing on one Bible story for a four week period, the children are able to explore the lessons in more depth and greater detail.

How can I help? Helping is very easy and a lot of fun. There are many different ways to help. Here are a few:

Teacher: 1 Rotation commitment (4 Sundays) You will be in charge of teaching one station for the duration of the Bible story. You will teach the same lesson each week with

some modifications depending on the grade level. The lessons are preplanned for you.

Shepherd: 1 Year commitment (May share with another person) Act as "mentor" to children and stay with a particular grade level throughout the rotations.

Helper: (Flexible commitment) Help teacher in the teaching of the lesson.

Music Leader: (Flexible Commitment) Share God's word through music during the gathering time in the Sanctuary.

The most important thing to making our Rotation Sunday School work is through faithful servants. There are opportunities for assisting as little as one Sunday each month or as often as every week.

What if I have younger children? Where do they go while I am helping? The Nursery will be available for infants to 2 year olds. We have a separate preschool program for the 3 and 4 year olds.

Proverbs 22:6

Teach a child how he should live, and he will remember it all his life.

After the completion of our third successful year, here is what the children had to say about rotation Sunday School:

Ashley and Kylie: "I love going to Sunday School. I like playing the games!"

Amanda: "I like getting to do new activities!"

Abby: "The Garden of Eatin has really tasty food."

Carissa: "Making the food is fun!"

Caleb: "I like learning the same story in different ways!"

Jenna: "I like going to Creation Station and working on the crafts."

Jared: "My favorite station is playing the games!"

Carter: "This is WAY better than staying in the same room all year."

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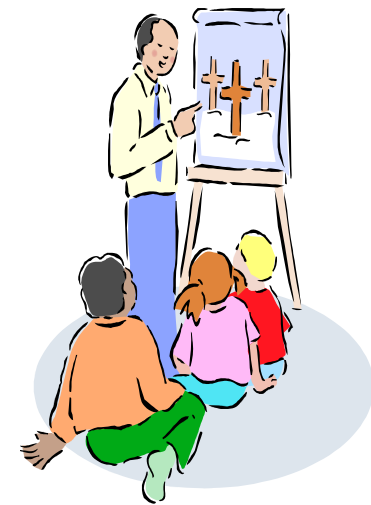
There are many activities in the life of Gretna United Methodist Church. They are open to everyone. We welcome visitors with open arms. Life is difficult enough road to travel alone. If you are seeking fellowship on the road, and desire to know the Lord Jesus Christ better, Our Hearts, Our Minds, and Our Doors are always open.

Regular Sunday School Worship Times

8:30 am & 10:45 am – Church Service
9:30 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
9:45 am – Sunday School for All Ages

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