

## Keeping Skyland Children & Families Connected



### **This week's Bible Memory Challenge**

"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:13-14

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### **KIDS/YOUTH CONNECT SCHEDULE**

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 15**

**9:00 AM and 11:00 AM** (after children's message during worship)

#### **Children's Church (4yrs - 2nd grade)**

We will meet in the Children's Wing - first room on the left.

Please sign your children in at the children's check in desk in the colonnade.



**10:00 - 10:50 AM**

#### **God's Kids (4 yrs - 2nd grade)**

#### **Join us for Faith Builder's - Bible lessons through Legos.**

We will meet in the Children's Wing - first room on the left.

**LAST ONE BEFORE SUMMER BREAK**

#### **Bible Exploration (3rd grade - 6th grade)**

We will be meeting in the Asbury room in the Children's Wing.

Remember to Bring your Bibles.

**LAST ONE BEFORE SUMMER BREAK**

#### **CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH 5:30 - 6:30**

**(NO TEAM BUILDING OR YOUTH)**

**LAST CLASS for Confirmation** - Topic: My Spiritual Gifts and the Church - Led by our Lay Leader, Sandy Frederick

Our **LAST** God's Kids, Bible Explorations, and Confirmation classes will be on **Sunday, May 15th**.

Enjoy the summer and be on the look out for Skyland Summer Fun activities each month.



Our Children's Ministry is in great need of some volunteers in the coming

weeks.

In order to adhere to the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church's Safe Sanctuaries Policy, AND to adhere to the fire codes that mandate that all classroom doors in the children's wing must stay closed at all times, **we need a minimum of 2 people** (lead and assistant) in each class room of children.

(assistants only- you do not have to lead unless you would prefer)

Anyone 6th Grade and up is invited to volunteer.

We are excited to finally start having more and more families visiting or coming back to services post CoVid and we could really use some helping hands.

Thank you those that have already signed up to serve!

Here are some upcoming volunteer needs:

Sunday 5/15 (Transformation Journey meeting: 9:45)

- 9 AM Nursery: Dahlene Hultberg

Children's Church: Alex Davis/Anna Ruth Brookshire

Bible Explorations: Kris Kaufman

-10 AM God's kids: Anna Ruth Brookshire

-11 AM Nursery: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday 5/22 (Confirmation Sunday)

- 9 AM Nursery: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Church: \_\_\_\_\_

-11 AM Nursery: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday 5/29 (Memorial Sunday)

- 9 AM Nursery: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Church: \_\_\_\_\_

-11 AM Nursery: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday 6/5 (2nd Confirmation Sunday)

- 9 AM Nursery: \_\_\_\_\_

-11 AM Nursery: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday 6/12

- 9 AM Nursery: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Church: \_\_\_\_\_

-11 AM Nursery: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Church: \_\_\_\_\_

And of course, We need as many hands as possible for VBS - July 18-22. Even if you can't be there the entire week, we gladly accept anytime you would be willing and able to help!!

Thank you to everyone for helping us to Love, Grow, and Serve alongside Skyland's youngest believers.

Please contact Jennifer Blanton to volunteer

Email - [skyumckids@skylandumc.com](mailto:skyumckids@skylandumc.com)

Text/call - 231-0768



**2022 VBS**  
**SIGN UP NOW WHILE SPOTS ARE**  
**STILL AVAILABLE**

July 18 - July 22, 2022  
**Monday - Friday @ 9:00 AM - 12:00PM**

Holy Land Adventure! Come discover the bustling town of ancient Jerusalem at this year's VBS theme "Jerusalem Market Place" as we step back in time where Jesus walked to the cross.

This unique experience gives campers a special place to learn about prayer and how to serve one another, as well as come together in community where they'll be interacting in the market place shops, playing fun games at the village playground, and gathering in the Synagogue to learn the life changing true story of Jesus' death and resurrection through story telling and engaging drama that brings the story to life.

VBS is for children 4 years through the rising 6th grade.

**(Must be 4 years as of VBS dates)**

Camp is Monday-Friday and begins (*July 18 - July 22*) with "Opening Celebration" for a lively kick-off to the day and then they'll break-off into their assigned family tribe time. Then each tribe will set out to explore the city of Jerusalem; Market Place Shops, Village Playground, Synagogue "Bible Story", then concluding with tribe time and wrapping up the day at the "Closing Celebration".

[Jennifer Blanton Children's Ministry -email](mailto:jblanton@skylandumc.com)

[\*VBS Camper Registration Form - print here\*](#)

[\*Youth Volunteer Registration Form -print here\*](#)

[\*Adult Volunteer Registration Form - print here\*](#)

Please return completed registrations to church office

**SIGN UP HERE TO VOLUNTEER WITH VBS**  
**(In person and behind the scenes)**

**REGISTRATION OPEN**  
**Skyland UMC Music**  
**Camp**



August 1-5  
(with a Sunday, August 7th performance)

9:00 AM - 3:00PM

**AUGUST 1-5 and Sunday, AUGUST 7**

5 days packed with singing, ringing, dancing,  
drumming, creating,  
acting, learning, FUN!

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bring your bag lunch each day

Registration opens: Monday, May 2

Maximum number of campers: 25

**Friday evening, August 5:**

Parking Lot Pizza, Presentation of Music & Popsicles for Family & Friends

**Sunday, August 7:**

presentation during morning worship

**Camp includes:**

Campers: Open to children finishing 2nd - 6th grade

Junior Staff: youth finishing 7th - 12th grade

Adult Staff: Linda Jones, Director of Music @ Skyland

Rev. Joy Moss, Associate Pastor

Jennifer Blanton, Children's Ministry Assistant

AND a plethora of other parents, choir members, friends, musicians!

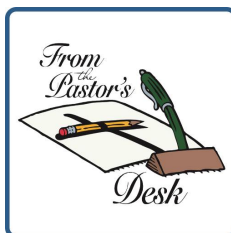
**SIGN UP BELOW**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4AAEA92AA7F58-music1>

questions? Want to volunteer?

contact Linda Jones

[linda.t.jones@charter.net](mailto:linda.t.jones@charter.net) / 252-637-0817



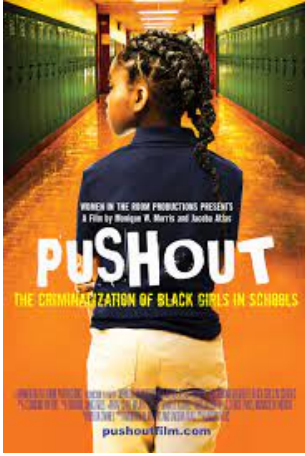
**FROM DAN'S DESK**

A shout out to a couple of tech-savvy email users who spotted some attempted email scams this week. From time to time scammers will use a false email address that looks like it comes from Dan Hester. This is called "phishing" and it does not mean that the security of my email has been compromised. Typically, the email asks for money to help someone who needs it. Make no mistake, when I ask for money, the whole congregation will know it because I'll ask for it from the pulpit! Check the sender's email address carefully if there is any doubt. Call me or text me if you are in any doubt. Pay no attention to urgent pleas that only ask for an individual such as someone who is sick, or someone who is in trouble. Have a cyber-safe day.

Peace, Dan

**JOIN US FOR A WATCH PARTY**

This campus-wide event is sponsored by these SUMC groups: All Are Welcome, United Women in Faith (formerly UMW), & SUMC cohort for Racial Healing and Reconciliation.



**When & Where:**

Saturday, May 21, 3:00-5:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall

**What:**

To watch the PBS documentary "Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools" based on a book by Dr. Monique Morris of the same name which is currently on the United Women in Faith's Reading Program List. When children attend school, they have the general expectations that it will be a positive experience and that with hard work, they can achieve their goals. Some children tend to face these opportunities more so than others in school.

Please come and join us to watch the stories of Jennifer and Paris and their experiences in school.

(NOTE: Documentary is suitable for ages 14 and up.)

**Childcare:**

Childcare will be available by reservation only. Please contact Linda Johns (828 712-9266 or [ljturtle58@gmail.com](mailto:ljturtle58@gmail.com)) or Candace Hall (813 758-9367 or [candace\\_hall@hotmail.com](mailto:candace_hall@hotmail.com)) by Saturday, May 14 to make a reservation. Please convey any special need for the child.



# Nursery



**Children's Church**  
(ages 4 years-2nd grade)

is offered each Sunday for our 9:00 AM

& 11:00 AM worship services. (Except Communion Sunday). We have a lesson, games, and crafts.

Please check in at our children's desk as you come into church.



\*volunteers are needed and Welcome\*  
[skyumckids@skylandumc.com](mailto:skyumckids@skylandumc.com)

**Nursery (birth - 4 years)**

Our nursery will be open each Sunday from 9 AM - noon

Please sign in at nursery at Children's Wing

\*volunteers are needed and Welcome\*  
[sumc-nursery@skylandumc.com](mailto:sumc-nursery@skylandumc.com)



## BLESSING BOX NEWS

Thank to all who donated the many bags of beans, pasta, fruit, and other items this past week! We're grateful for your response to our weekly list of bare spots on our pantry shelves.

**CURRENT NEEDS IN OUR PANTRY:**

Brown & white rice - Tuna - Tortillas - Peaches - Peanut butter - Toilet paper

**HOW CAN YOU BE A HELPER?**



The first Town Hall meeting was a success, and we look forward to the next one.

It will be held on Sunday, May 15th at 9:45 am (Yes, on Sunday morning!). The Transformation Journey Team from our WNC Conference has sent us a set of three recommendations.

Their entire report was emailed to the congregation and is posted on our Facebook page for you to review. The Town Hall meeting is a time to ask questions and hold discussion. If we adopt this recommended plan our church will embark on this journey one step at a time with a task force assembled by our Nominations Committee, and a guide assigned by the WNC Conference. This is an exciting adventure for Skyland, and we ask that you continue to keep this in your prayers!



## Sunday Mornings at Skyland

### May 15

Transformation Journey  
Town Hall  
9:45 AM  
\*Child Care Available\*

### May 22

Confirmation Sunday  
9AM and 11AM services

10-11AM

Join us for a reception celebrating our confirmands

### May 29

Ascension Sunday  
Memorial Day weekend

### June 5

2nd Confirmation Sunday  
9AM and 11AM services

10-11AM

Join us for a reception celebrating our confirmands

### June 12

Summer Give Away Sundays  
stay tuned for more info!!

**FAITH-IN-ACTION FOOD  
DISTRIBUTION WITH MANNA  
FOODBANK @ WELLINGTON  
PARK & SWEETEN CREEK -  
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY NEXT  
MONDAY, MAY 16!**

Join us for an afternoon of fun helping at the Manna Food Distribution. No experience necessary, everyone welcome! Choose your location and time preference; then contact Danelle at [danellehansen@me.com](mailto:danellehansen@me.com) to sign up or for more info. Wellington Estates 1:00-2:30 or 2:45-5:00 p.m. OR Sweeten Creek Mobile Home Park 2:15-4:30 p.m.

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