St. Thomas
United Methodist Church

Monthly Ministry Area Report for Church Council

Our Values: *Biblically Grounded*, *Relational, Mission-Minded*, *Faithful*, *Joyful*

Our Mission: *We exist to reach, nourish, and serve the community so all may experience healing and new life through Jesus Christ.*

Our Strategic Priorities: *Worship, Christian Formation, Outreach and Mission, Administration and Support, Buildings and Grounds*

Name of Person Completing Report:
Vicki Schoch and Kristi Swanson

Today's Date (m/d/yy):
11/10/21

Ministry Area, Committee, Board, or Team:
Children's Ministry

1. Please note your accomplishments for this month (Please include accomplishments from tasks outlined in the Strategic Plan and Essential Systems Timeline):

   Outreach and Mission/Christian Formation - Birthday Milestones continue to be celebrated.
   Outreach and Mission - Trunk or Treat was attended by 634 individuals, including volunteers.
   Christian Formation - Fall Fest was attended in-person by 10 children and 5 adults
   Outreach and Mission/Christian Formation - Advent bags are distributed.
   Worship/Outreach/Ch. Form. - Advent Night, Pageant and special Advent messages planned

2. What specific items of celebration or concern would you like to share?

   We are so thankful for the efforts of everyone who came out to support Trunk or Treat.
   We are thankful and excited to add two people to our team for 2022 - Kyle Johnson and Karen King.

3. What are your objectives for the next month? What church priority does each objective address?

   Christian Formation - Continue Children's Messages, Sunday School, and Children's Church
   Worship/Christian Formation - Family Advent Night and Children's Pageant
   Mission and Outreach/Christian Formation - Kids Care 2 (Tweens) meeting for escape room and bringing a toy to donate.

4. How can the Church Council assist your efforts?

   Please continue to sign up for any requests we distribute. We need you! Please also encourage others to get involved in the same way. As more children hopefully return to church, we will need additional support.

5. What can the Church Council specifically pray for?

   Please pray for our ministry as we navigate post-pandemic society with the children of the church in our hands. Also, please pray that the Advent events go smoothly, safely, and fill all hearts with joy.