

CHILDREN & YOUTH



Church School Registration Day (Infant—12th grade)

All parents are encouraged to register their infants through high school youth after the worship service at our registration booth during this festive kick-off day.

Sunday, September 11, after worship

Teacher Trainings

All volunteers in the 2010-2011 Teaching Ministry are expected to complete one teacher training per program year. Experience what it means to share our faith, meet your teaching partner, and learn the ins & outs of Children's Church School.

Ongoing

Teacher Commissioning

All volunteers in the 2011-2012 Teaching Ministry will be commissioned for their work with our children and youth. This is a time when we lift up our teachers, entrust them with the care of our youngest members, and commit to praying for them in this important work of the church.

Sunday, September 11

Teacher Recognition – Appreciation Day!

All volunteers who have shared their time, talents, and energy in the CE programs will be thanked for their service and dedication to our children and youth.

Sunday, June 3rd



Parent Group:

The CE Team would like to gather interest for a Parent Fellowship Group. We envision the new group to be a place where parents of Edgewood can connect to one another, share ideas and resources, and hear from other "experts" on different parenting topics.

Informational Meeting, TBA

Our Whole Lives (OWL)

OWL is a comprehensive, lifespan sexuality education program for faith communities. The program values include self-worth, sexual health, responsibility, and justice and inclusivity. The oversight team is working hard to bring this important education to Edgewood youth.

Parents' Night Out

Offers parents an evening out while their children get to play with friends, and are cared for by our trained childcare staff.

3rd Friday of Oct, Dec, Feb, April, & June; 5pm – 9pm

~ YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ~

Kick-Off

Kick Off Bedouin Style Overnight. Come celebrate a new year with great food, friends, and fun! This is for both middle and high school students.

Sunday, September 16, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Youth Fellowship (YF)

Marcia Beer

Edgewood offers a youth fellowship program that fosters discussions, spiritual growth and fun. Friends are always welcome to attend! Middle school (grades 6-8) and High School (grades 9-12) YF is comprised of experiential learning activities/games, informal faith discussions and making and sharing an evening meal together.

High School

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| Wednesday, Sept. 21, 5:30-7:30 | Dinner and Movie/Discussion |
| Wednesday, Oct. 19, 5:30-7:30 | Dinner and Movie/Discussion |
| Wednesday, Nov. 16, 5:30-7:30 | Dinner & Activity |
| Wednesday, Feb. 15, 5:30-7:30 | Dinner & Activity |

Middle School

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| Wednesday, Sept. 28, 5:30-7:30 | Dinner and Movie/Discussion |
| Wednesday, Oct. 26, 5:30-7:30 | Dinner and Movie/Discussion |
| Wednesday, Nov. 23, 5:30-7:30 | Dinner & Activity |
| Wednesday, Feb. 29, 5:30-7:30 | Dinner & Activity |



Highlights

Camp Out

Friday, October 7 to Saturday, October 8

Service Weekend at UCOM, Grand Rapids

Friday, November 11 to Saturday, November 12

Service Weekend in Detroit

Friday, December 9 to Saturday, December 10

Weekend Winter Retreat

Friday, January 20-Sunday, January 22

Middle School Lock In

Friday, March 16 to Saturday, March 17

“Who Dunit” Try Outs (Rehearsals for play TBA)

Sunday, March 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Presentation of “Who Dunit”

Sunday, April 29

End-of-the-Year Picnic & Project

Sunday, May 20, noon

July 10-13: National Youth Event, Purdue University

~ **SUNDAY SCHOOL** ~

Infants/Toddlers

Childcare is provided during the entire worship service and at Edgewood sponsored events. Our program is staffed by caring childcare providers and is held in a nursery dedicated to infants and toddlers.

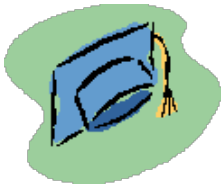
(Contact Debbie at 339-1030 drichmond123@hotmail.com, for additional times for other Edgewood events.)

10:00 a.m. Sundays year round

Pre-school Children

Play-based Church school lessons facilitated by caring adults and paid childcare providers.

10:00 a.m. Sundays year round (Children can also come in after Children's Time.)



Movin' on Up! – Preschool Graduation

For those who are starting kindergarten in the fall of 2011 this is for you. Children will get a diploma and make the move across the hall to the K – 5th grade class. Details to follow.

Sunday, September 11th

Children Kindergarten through 5th grade

Edgewood uses a workshop rotation model for church school. The children spend several weeks at a time exploring a particular spiritual theme and associated Bible story through various learning modalities or workshops including art, drama, cooking, crafts, body movement, and the study of contemporary heroes and current events. Each year about six or seven major spiritual themes/stories are introduced. The curriculum is designed to help our children connect with God in ways that speak to their life experiences.

After Children's Time during Sunday service year round

Middle School Youth

Our sixth through eighth grade students meet weekly to engage in experiential school curriculum that allows them to creatively explore their faith. In a safe environment; youth gain a sense of who they are and how they relate to the world around them.

After Children's Time during Sunday service year round

High School Youth

Ninth through twelfth grade young adults meet every week to explore and live out their faith.

After Children's Time during Sunday service year round



Advent Workshop

Pre-school through high school youth join in special craft, musical and service activities that help them creatively engage with the season of Advent.

Sunday, December 4, after Children's Time

***NEW!* Valentine's Day Workshop**

Preschool through high school youth hear the story of St. Valentine and take part in Valentine's Day activities.

Sunday, February 12, after Children's Time

Easter Workshop

Preschool through high school youth engage in celebratory Easter activities such as egg-dying, crafts, planting seeds and promoting peace.

Sunday, April 8, after Children's Time



Earth Day Workshop

Preschool through high school youth participate in creating recycled art projects and learning about ways of being good earth stewards.

Sunday, May 13th, after Children's Time

Rake N' Run

Youth in middle through high school are invited to come to church ready to "rake and run" during the service. Youth will rake yards of Edgewood folks in the neighborhood who need some help. Lunch will be provided afterward.

Sunday, November, 10:00 a.m.-noon

Don't forget to check out the music program and other Edgewood events during the program year for more opportunities for children and youth!