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Tithing Teaches Generous Giving In Children

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Can I confess something? When it came to teaching our children about tithing and stewardship, I admit I could have been better about instilling this practice in them while they were still young.

I probably wasn't much different than many parents with young children -- hurrying to get to church and remembering to place money in their child's hand before they go off to KidsConnect can be a challenge.

In our Family and Children's Ministry Design Team, teaching our children about stewardship and instilling this spiritual practice is a priority we are embarking on in October.

Dan Pezet, director of congregation-



al vitality for the United Methodist Church suggests using money jars:

"We have three jars sitting on our son's dresser that are labeled 'Money for God,' 'Money to Save' and 'Money to Spend.' Our son gets a \$2-per-week allowance. We give it to him as a dollar bill and 4 quarters. That way, one quarter can be given to the God jar, one to

the savings jar and the rest in the spend jar. On Sunday, he takes the quarter from God's jar and takes it to church. He fills out the offering envelope and proudly makes his offering at church."

Being intentional will help parents plan and guide their children in generous giving. As Pezet adds, "We give to God

because we love God. We also show God our love by going to church, praying and doing good for others. In fact, when we give money to the church, it helps the church do the things God has asked the church to do. It helps the church teach people about God so that other people can know that God loves them, too."

Ways to Connect



Family eXperience (FX) Sunday, October 9 (11:45-1:15pm) in King Hall. Explore October's KidsConnect theme

"courage" together with activities with other kids and parents. Lunch is free!

Kairos Ministry - Color placements or bake cookies for inmates at Donovan Prison. Bring to church no later than Sunday, 10/23.

Trunk or Treat - Decorate your trunk and give out candy or non-food treats as your child "trunk or treats" with other FUMC families and preschool families on Sunday October 23 at 5-6pm at the lower parking lot. Set up your trunks at 4-4:30pm.

What's Happening In KidsConnect?

This month's focus is courage. We will face moments in our lives when it feels like the odds will not be in our favor, the obstacles will seem overwhelming, and we will have to overcome that which seems impossible. And when those moments happen, where will we find the courage we need to face these challenges?

The Bible is filled with passages reminding us that we can be strong and courageous. With these Biblical reminders, our children can grow up facing the world with a different kind of courage—courage to stand up against the bully, courage to speak out for the sake of others who may not have a voice, courage to refuse to do the wrong thing even though the crowd seems to be pushing them in that direction.

Shout Out to...

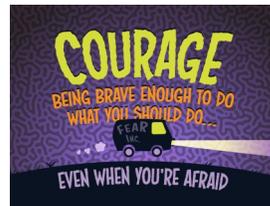


Arianna Jensen, this year's preschool KidsConnect leader. Arianna is a 9th grader at Valhalla High School and plans to be a teacher.

Spotlight



Julia Wallace, Interim Children's Choir Director
Julia teaches choir and theater at e3 Civic School. She graduated with a BA in Music Education from SDSU.



September's Parent Cue is about Courage. Pick up your card at KidsConnect.

This month we'll take a look at men and women from the Old Testament who had no superpowers except for the fact that they knew God had a mission for them and they trusted in His promise to always be with them. We can't wait to hear how God shows up in the lives of kids when they study these stories, trust God, and show courage in the situations they face.

Get Connected!

- *MomsConnect*, 6pm-8pm on 10/5 & 10/19
- *FX Family Experience*, 10/9 at 11:45am-1:15pm
- *Admin Council Meeting*, 10/9 at 6pm KH
- *Acolyte Training*, 10/23 at 11:45am
- *Trunk or Treat*, 10/23 at 5-6pm
- *Kairos Cookie Collection*, 10/16 & 10/23
- *Youth Group Halloween Dance*, 10/30 at 4-7pm

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