

FAMILY CONNECTION



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Children to join in Communion in worship starting in October

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Beginning in October, our KidsConnect children and leaders will be receiving communion monthly, as part of our worshiping community. Our Family Ministry Design Team identified communion as a priority for helping children and families to practice the spiritual disciplines that help to strengthen their faith.

Tithing is the second spiritual discipline identified by the team and we'll discuss that in next month's newsletter. Holy Communion is about remembering what God did through the saving act of Jesus' death and resurrection. Human beings all want to be remembered. What did Jesus ask for as remembrance? He wrote no books. He built no memorials. There are no



photographs of Jesus.

The way Jesus wanted to be remembered was through a simple act of sharing a meal together with his disciples. When we receive the bread and cup together in community, we see and hear testimony of God's saving work.

The Kinder-8th grade KidsConnect groups will receive communion and

then return to King Hall to wait for parents to meet them following worship. The preschool KidsConnect group will stay in KidsConnect and will not receive communion. If a child does not want communion, they can pass by the bread and juice. Prior to receiving communion, children will be given instructions in KidsConnect.

To help your child understand more about communion:

- Share that it is a very important reminder, both for individuals and families as a whole, of God's unconditional love through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.
- The bread is not Jesus' actual body. The juice is not Jesus's actual blood. They are symbols that point to God.
- Jesus told His followers to remember Him in this way until He returns so that their heart would be strong in believing that Jesus is their hope and that God loves them unconditionally.

Ways to Connect

Sign Up for Acolyte Ministry

If you are in grades 4th through 7th and are interested in being an acolyte, sign-ups are happening every Sunday in King Hall Connection Center. Training for new acolytes will be in October 23rd. Acolytes serve every 4-6 weeks and learn about leadership roles in worship for baptism, communion and special Sundays.

Please contact our Children's Ministry Coordinator Lisa Stewart at lisastewart@foothillsumc.org if you have any questions or to join the acolyte team!

What's Happening In KidsConnect?

This month's focus is trust. Trust is important. Putting our trust in God and the people He's put in our lives isn't always easy. That's why it's important that our trust is grounded in God, His love for us, and His willingness to do whatever it took to have a relationship with us.

This month in KidsConnect, we will get to know Joseph from the Old Testament. Joseph found himself in some of the craziest situations throughout his life, yet time and again Scripture tells us that Joseph trusted God and found hope in Him. So each week this month, we'll take a closer look at Joseph's life and discover something about how we can trust God and the people He has put in our lives.

Shout Out to...



Jenn Marquie Beck, who is serving her second year as one of our Kinder/1st KidsConnect leaders. She and her husband, Jeremy, along with their daughters, Adelaide and Charlotte, have been members since 2014.

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Spotlight



If you missed out on the Foothills' Ministry Fair last Sunday, it's still not too late to sign up to be a KidsConnect Parent greeter. Parent helpers are also needed any Sunday.



Parent Cue

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

Our Memory Verse is **Proverbs 3:5** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding," (NirV). It's easy for us to choose our own path, but it's not always best for us. When we trust in God, He'll give us the best path for our lives.

Get Connected!

Here is what is coming up in Children's, Youth & Family Ministries.

- *MomsConnect*, 6pm-8pm on 9/7
- *Youth Magic Mountain Jubilee*, 9/10-9/11
- *MomsConnect at Dream Dinners*, 9/20 at 5:30pm
- *FX Family Experience*, 10/9 at 11:45am
- *Children join in Communion*, starting 10/2

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