

Christian Education Committee

While Session has many responsibilities, one specific called out in the Book of Order is to provide Christian Education to members and children. In covering that responsibility Eastminster has assigned the following to this committee:

Arrange for adult education. Currently there are two regularly scheduled classes.

Provide for children and youth Sunday School including an appropriate curriculum.

Recruit teaching staff.

Maintain and staff a nursery/crib room for every regular Sunday service, both 8:30 and 11:00.

Insure the attendant is qualified and the facility properly supplied.

Encourage Youth Groups with proper supervision and programs.

Conduct an annual VBS/Retreat day.

Arrange the Annual Rally Day for the Sunday of the program year (September).

This would include any awards associated with the previous school year.

Arrange an Easter Egg hunt.

Work with the Pastor on all CE programs.

Recruit sufficient members for the CE committee.

Lead monthly meetings

Maintain the CE supply closet.

Monthly Activities

January

Annual meeting-- Need to provide write up for Annual Report about the year in review.

No Sunday School during meeting—provide child care/activities/snacks during the meeting.

February

Valentines Day— hand out Valentine cards/candy in SS (if you want to)

Begin work on Easter Egg Hunt. Ask for candy donations. Begin to advertise. Egg stuffing begins

Choose VBS curriculum/ Retreat ideas

March

Egg hunt prep/advertise in papers/rent bunny costume/puppet show/entertainment/goodie bags

Lent banks (fish banks—we still have many of these to give the children)

Spring mission project for SS children

Work on VBS or Retreat

April

Palm Sunday (could be in March)...processional in worship with SS students at 11AM service.

Children sing with choir and turn in Lent fish banks during worship

Egg hunt (could be in March)

May

Plan teacher/CE committee recognition party for last Sunday School class in early June

Mothers day—hand out “something” to mothers?

June

VBS prep or Retreat prep

July

VBS

Retreat prep

Discuss curriculum for next SS year

August

Order SS curriculum

Ask for SS leaders/teachers

Rally day prep/attendance charts/decorate rooms as you wish

Make registration forms for SS

September

Rally Day with recognition of past SS year attendance 85% or higher gets a certificate during worship

Fall mission project for SS (could be angel tree project in Dec. for example)

Above and Beyond work (if you wish to use this)

Safe child checks

October

Order advent calendars for children and youth

November

Nativity Sunday prep

December

Christmas card and small gift for SS children if th desire of the committee.

Proposed Segregation of Duties:

Elder #1

Basic responsibility for programs Nursery to Grade 5

Includes:

Determining curriculum

Obtaining teachers

Setting up classes

Supervision of nursery and attendant

Easter Egg Hunt

Vacation Bible School

Elder #2

Basic responsibility for programs Grade 6 to Adult

Includes:

Adult education classes

Youth programs

Determining curriculum

Obtaining teachers

Setting up classes

Confirmation Class

Shared Responsibilities

One Great Hour of Sharing program

Rally Day

Supplies

Nativity figurines