



Galilean Gazette

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COME JOIN US AND SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S CROP WALK



This year's CROP walk will be on Sunday, October 24. Our Church School Mini-Walk will start at 9:45 AM between the Church and Fellowship Hall. We will be taking two trips around and through the cemetery. If you can't make it to the afternoon walk, come join us before worship.

Youth Group News *FPC Woodbridge*

Youth group is a great way to relax through fellowship and discussion with other youth in a supportive setting. Come and see... Friends always welcome.

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| September 26 | Youth Group kicks – off for 6th – 12th grade in Fellowship Hall from 6 PM – 8PM |
| October 10 | Senior High Youth Group, Fellowship Hall from 6 PM – 8PM |
| October 23 | CE Fall Festival 1 PM – 4 PM, come and assist |
| October 24 | Crop Walk
Middler Youth Group, Fellowship Hall from 6 PM – 8PM |
| November 7 | Combined Youth Groups, Fellowship Hall from 6 PM – 8PM |
| November 28 | Advent Event after Worship |
| December 5 | Senior High Youth Group, Fellowship Hall from 6 PM – 8PM |
| December 10 | “Nightwatch “ St. John the Divine, NYC
Senior High Retreat (Permission Slip required) |
| December 12 | “In As Much” Worship Service
Middler Youth Group, Fellowship Hall from 6 PM – 8PM |
| December 19 | Combined Youth Group
Christmas Celebration |

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GALACTIC BLAST VBS 2010

10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.....BLAST OFF ! HERE WE GO!!!

What an exciting week we had at Vacation Bible School this year!

We went on a journey through space learning just how *wonderful, amazing* and *awesome* our God is! We started each day with Reverend Gardner at mission control, in the sanctuary, singing praises to God and learning our daily Bible verse. Then we began our daily rotations of Bible story, music, recreation, crafts, snack time, and new this year, science! We made prayer boxes and rockets, enjoyed moon mix and rocket pops, played fun games, and learned through discovery in science, the “explosive excitement” you feel as you get to know Jesus. At the end of our day we headed back to the sanctuary (mission control) to report back on what we did. The “cadets” were eager to share all the things they learned each day. During the week children also brought in food donations for our church’s food pantry.



We ended our week with pizza and a movie. The VeggieTales movie, “Are you my neighbor”, reminded us all how important it is to love your neighbor despite how different they may be. After the movie, the children sang through the four songs they learned during the week to the listening ears of many proud parents! (And an extremely proud music leader!) The children had an awesome week; many already asking, “What are we doing next year?”

I would like to personally thank the many volunteers who worked countless hours to make our vacation Bible school program a success. Each year these dedicated individuals give of their time to inspire and teach the children of our church and community about Jesus. Thanks to an overwhelming amount of donations and support we are able to offer our VBS program free of charge for all children. What a great outreach for our church to the children of our community!



If you volunteered this week, purchased an item from a food rocket, supported one of our fundraisers during the year or prayed for us this week.....Thank you !!!!! We couldn't have had such a successful program without you!

Linda Thorstenson
VBS Director

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SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

Sharon Hanley and I are looking forward to starting another great church school year. Church school will begin on September 19th. Students from Pre-K to 5th grade will meet at 9 A.M. in the sanctuary for mini-worship and students who are in middle to high school will also meet at 9 A.M. upstairs in the high school room.

Sunday School Classes	Location	Teachers
Pre-k – Kindergarten	Fellowship Hall	Nancy Teal and Candace Crowley
1st and 2nd Grades	Fellowship Hall	Theresa and Warren Loder
3,4,5 Grades	Education Annex	Heather Reusch, Bob Stephan, and May Sweeney
Middlers (6 th -8 th)	Education Annex	Terry and Peggy Gerak
High School (9 th -12 th)	Education Annex	Matt Barany

We welcome visitors and newcomers and look forward to nurturing discipleship through a variety of activities throughout the year.

Sharon Hanley and Diana Vitale
Sunday School Superintendents



Remember – Sunday School starts Sunday, September 19 with the Church School Worship Service at 9 AM in the Sanctuary.

AND CHURCH SCHOOL ISN'T JUST FOR KIDS

Adult Bible Study takes place during Sunday School time and on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall lounge.

YOUTH CHOIR IS STARTING AND LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

Are you in third through ninth grade? Do you like to sing? Then watch for information and come join the Youth Choir. The Choir rehearses most Sundays after Worship in the Choir Room on the second floor of the Church Annex.



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CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

CROP Hunger Walk – In October children participate to help support hunger and poverty relief locally and throughout the country. “I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people.” (Leviticus 26:12 NIV)

In-As Much Service – In December, the youth will read and act out the events of the birth of Jesus. Gifts of canned/boxed foods will be given to the food pantry and baskets will be made and given to those in need. “In as much as you did it for one of the least of these my brethren, you did it unto Me.” (Matthew 25:40 KJV)

Friday Fun Nights - Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade can enjoy a Friday evening of bible stories, crafts, snacks, and games. These fun-filled evenings take place once a month in Fellowship Hall. Friends are always welcome. Permission slips are available through Sunday School or at the door.

Souperbowl of Caring Sunday – On the day of the BIG game, the children help raise money for local charities. A sports themed party is then held with food, fun, friends, and fellowship.

Youth Ministries – Various retreats, outings, and gatherings are developed throughout the year for Middlers, (grades 6 – 8) and Senior High youth (grades 9 – 12). Youth groups provide a time of fellowship and biblically-based discussion on Sunday evenings in Fellowship Hall. Schedule available at InSpire Sunday.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS

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| Fall Festival | A community outreach with pumpkins, treats, eats, and crafts for families. Saturday, October 23 from 1 PM – 4 PM |
| Advent Event | Join us in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship on the First Sunday of Advent, November 28 th , for food, fellowship, family Advent wreath making, and Christmas Caroling. |
| Peter Puppets | Making a return appearance to Fellowship Hall, enjoy puppetry and potluck style desserts. Coming Winter 2011. |
| Shrove Tuesday | Enjoy pancakes and fixings at the second annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, March 8 th . |

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