



THE PINE SEED

CCSM Family Connections

February 2019

EVENTS NOT TO MISS ...

TRAIN DAY

Saturday, February 2, between 2:00 and 4:30PM, the trains will be pulling into the Kloss Hall station for enjoyment by all ages. Make cookies, be an engineer, create your own layout, and build your own train.



BIBLE NIGHT



Friday, February 22, 5:00-8:30PM, our fourth and fifth graders will huddle in the church “catacombs” to read scripture at the Bible Night mini-retreat, eat “Bible food” that our spiritual ancestors might have eaten, tell stories around the campfire, and learn about famous Bible people by playing Bingo for Oreos (the cookie equivalent of Jesus’ message that what matters most is on the inside). Then in March, our five fifth graders will receive their gift Bibles in the Sunday service.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Let your kids live a little; eat pancakes for dinner! Traditionally, Shrove Tuesday is celebrated by splurging on dinner and partying before solemnness of Lent begins—and some more disciplined people give up chocolate or sugar. Don’t cook Tuesday, March 5. Instead, just for fun, come eat pancakes (fruit, juice and sausage) in Kloss Hall from 6-7:30PM. No reservations needed. Witness our youth help with the dinner—they may never be this helpful at home! And, make a playful Mardi Gras mask or create other crafts.



YOUTH ~~~

- Bowl backwards (and still one kid got a strike!)
- Will be attending the conference’s “Feb Camps” over Presidents Day weekend
- Will serve you pancakes on Shrove Tuesday
- Ask the hardest questions and challenge their parents
- Are CCSM’s greatest treasure!



MLK DAY OF SERVICE

To honor Martin Luther King’s courage and willingness to serve our country, over a dozen from CCSM worked on service projects throughout the county, alongside members of multiple faith traditions from Hindu to Catholic. The Lee twins gardened at Parkside School, making the campus more attractive for the students there —and pulling out the old weeds and pumpkins!



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY IN OUR CHILDREN

So often at CCSM, when we hear “whoever you are and wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here,” we think of gender identity, differences in spiritual beliefs and practices, or racial and cultural diversity. Our children and youth also have differences in learning abilities and styles, coping strategies, emotional health, and more. There is no typical CCSM youngster!

How can we create a community where feelings of worth can flourish? Where individual differences are appreciated, mistakes are tolerated, communication is open, and rules are flexible? How can CCSM model the atmosphere that is found in a nurturing family? Can we remember, especially as sometimes frustrated parents, that children and youth are just people trying to learn how to make it among the adults in the world (who are probably not so sure themselves!)? Most importantly, how can our children and youth know they are loved beyond measure?

YOUTH GROUPS

High School
1st and 3rd Sundays, 6-8:00PM

Mid-High
2nd and 4th Sundays, 6:30-8:00PM



*I want to love you without clutching,
Appreciate you without judging,
Join you without invading,
Invite you without demanding,
Leave you without guilt,
Criticize you without blaming,
And help you without insulting.
If I can have the same from you,
then we can truly meet
and enrich each other.*

Virginia Satir

←Addy laughs as Cole plans his next turn bowling (maybe sideways next time?)