



The Pine Seed

CCSM's Children, Youth, and Family Newsletter



Our Summer

Youth interviewed young adults & kids learned about animals!

This summer our online programming continued! Every Friday night, youth gathered online to play games, do painting tutorials, watch movies, go on scavenger hunts, run a mock election campaign, and more! Some Saturday nights they gathered again to play settlers of Catan. On Sundays we were a bit more serious - we interviewed several CCSM Young Adults about their lives, why they go to church, their faith journeys, how they chose their careers, and more. We also participated online in Camp Cazadero activities and a National UCC youth retreat. Finally, each month we held both 60 Minutes (youth topical discussion) and "Contenders" - a new faith discussion program for high schoolers.

Our kids were also very engaged! Elaine Kauffman once again coordinated a wonderful summer program. This year our theme was Noah's Ark and we learned a lot about animals, habitats, ecosystems, and more! It was a lovely time to connect and to create together online.



We mailed back to school blessing stickers out to families



We mailed school supplies and fun activities to our Wed gathering kids



CCSM families also participated in 2 backpack drives and Zoe N led a used book drive!

Confirmation Program

We are currently planning a high school Confirmation program! Confirmation is a year-long learning process where youth learn about faith, the Bible, the church, worship, etc, work with a mentor, consider their own beliefs, and finally decide whether they would like to be Confirmed as a member of the church! All are welcome to participate in the program, regardless of their decision at the end of the year.

This year, because the program will be online, we have the great opportunity to collaborate on this program with some other UCC churches in the Bay Area! This will be a great way to make friends and build community even beyond CCSM.

There will be an info session for Parents and Youth on Sunday, Sept 27 at 11:30am (on Zoom). Please contact Sheryl with any questions!

WEEKLY CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING

For the time being, all of our programs will continue each Sunday on Zoom! We will have weekly sessions for kids led by Shannon and Libby, sessions for youth grades 6+ led by Sheryl, Dave, and Bill, and sessions for high schoolers led by Sheryl, Laura, and Mike Mullery!

While many of our high schoolers will participate in Confirmation, those who are not in Confirmation are welcome in our regular youth program and also at 60 Minutes on 2nd Sundays.

Social events for youth are now on 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month! All are welcome in grades 6+. Youth help to plan the programs so please be in touch at any time with any ideas you may have.

We are also creating a special do-at-your-own pace social justice curriculum focused on racial justice and what kids can do!



“HOMECOMING” / “HOME-STAYING” SUNDAY!

SUNDAY SEPT 13, 2020

Most years, we celebrate the return of fall with special fun activities and lunch for all ages after church. However, this year we will celebrate a little differently!

Sunday, Sept 13 will still be a special Sunday with events for all ages. Families and kids will have a fun singing and music session with Sheryl Johnson and Julie Berk at 9:45am on Zoom.

Youth will have a special program following the service at 11:30 - please let Sheryl know ASAP if you plan to participate so she can mail you some very important supplies that you will need! We will gather on Zoom but there will also be things to do at home!