



Dear Parents of Sunday School Children,

Spring 2013

As you are aware, our Sunday School children participate in the sacrament of Communion in our worship service on the first Sunday of every month. Children from 4 years old and older, on this Sunday, go directly to their classrooms at 10:15, and are then led to the sanctuary in time to receive the bread and cup, returning to their classrooms until parents pick them up at the end of the service.

We feel that it is important to include our children in this sacrament for a couple reasons. First of all, The Lord's Supper in the Methodist church is open to any and all who believe. Second, we believe that children, as they learn about Jesus, should be included in this celebration of this special supper with His friends and the reminder of His love for us. We believe this is part of the spiritual nurturing that we as a Sunday School and church family need to provide for them.

Please know that all of our Sunday School teachers have resources regarding Communion and/or The Lord's Supper that are appropriate for the children they teach, and they review with their classes each first Sunday the significance of this sacrament and what it means.

We teach the children that just as we share food with those we love, our friends and family, Jesus did this too with His friends, His disciples. When we share the bread and juice it is like having a meal with Jesus even though Jesus is not physically right here with us. We do this and remember Him and His love for us. Jesus left us some signs so that we would never forget He was here and that He loves us. Just like kids like to make footprints in concrete, or write their name in chalk on the sidewalk, leaving a sign they were there, Jesus left us signs that He was here. These signs are the bread and the cup. And when we eat the bread and drink from the cup, we remember Jesus and His love for us.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me or Pastor Addison.

Blessings to all.....

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