



2024 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Connect with Rev. Michelle Ballard, Associate Minister of Children & Youth at fccms.michelle@gmail.com with questions about programming.
Please connect with the Regional Assembly about registration and cost of programming.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING (6th-12th)

○ THURSDAY/FRIDAY/SATURDAY WORSHIP

- Youth are invited to sit in the sanctuary balcony together. Interactive bingo cards will be available during each worship session for students to follow along in the service. There will be prizes for students who participate and “bingo” during the worship services.
- OR THURSDAY/FRIDAY
 - Youth are welcome to participate with our children’s programming session on Thursday night during our collaborative art project or attend the Movie Night (Kung Fu Panda 4) on Friday from 7-9pm, should they choose to forgo the First Friday opportunity in Downtown Mt. Sterling with their families.

▪ FRIDAY, 1:30-3:30pm

- **Workshop Title:** "When Did We See You?": An Afternoon of Service for Youth!
Facilitator: Rev. Michelle Ballard, Associate Minister of Children & Youth
Who: This opportunity is for 6th-12th graders attending the Regional Assembly. During the workshop window, youth will journey to KEAS Tabernacle’s House of Blessing, a local clothing closet to help clean, organize, and serve! Make plans to bring your youth to the Assembly and send them out to serve during the two hour window. Depart from Church Welcome Center at 1:30pm.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING (K-5th)

**Please note that nursery care will be provided for infants through pre-k during the event.*

THURSDAY, 7-9PM

- 7-7:30 Introductions & Ice Breakers
- 7:30-8pm Discussion of Regional Assembly
 - What is it? Why do we have one? Who’s invited?
 - Discussion of Theme for Regional Assembly “Go.Grow.Inspire”
 - GO: THIS BARN QUILT REMINDS US THAT WE ARE CALLED TO CARRY THE GOOD NEWS TO ENDS OF THE EARTH.
 - “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
 - *Go: move from one place to another. A person’s turn to use or do something. Attempt to try at something. Leave or depart.*

- GROW – THIS BARN QUILT REMINDS US TO REMAIN ROOTED IN CHRIST JESUS.
 - “Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.” COLOSSIANS 2:7
 - Grow: undergo a natural process of change. To cultivate or develop. Cause something to expand or increase. Germinate and develop.
- INSPIRE- THIS BARN QUILT REMINDS US THAT NOT ONLY DOES SCRIPTURE INSPIRE, BUT OUR LIVES CAN INSPIRE OTHERS BY THE WAY WE CHOOSE TO LIVE.
 - “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.” 2 TIMOTHY 3:16
 - Inspire: Feel the urge to do something, especially something creative. Breathe in air, or inhale. Create a positive feeling in heart of another.
- 8-8:45 Collaborative Art Project
 - During this window of time, we will create three barn quilts that remind us of our themes for the Assembly with magazine clippings. Barn quilts are a distinct symbol frequently found on barns in the Appalachian region of the US and more specifically, Eastern Kentucky, where the Regional Assembly is being held this year. During this session we will learn about this distinct Appalachian art practice and create a barn quilt of sorts together.
 - History of Barn Quilts: Did you know that barn quilts were initially used as markers when traveling on the countryside? They would help travelers know which way to go on their journey. Over the years they also symbolized abundance, strength, and other characteristics of a farming family.
- 8:45-9pm: Clean-Up & Prayer Time

FRIDAY, 8:30-11:30AM

GO SESSION

During this session we will discuss the great commission and how we are called to share our faith. We will utilize coloring pages and worksheets created by our local high school art classes during this session. We will seek to memorize the scripture from Thursday night’s collaborative art piece during this session of time. Depart with prayer.

FRIDAY, 11:30-1:30PM

Children & Youth will gather for pizza and fellowship time together. Children will be invited to play on the church playground and/or use sidewalk chalk, and play games in the church greenspace.

FRIDAY, 1:30-5PM

GROW SESSION

During this session we will discuss the topic of growth and look to the scriptures to learn more. What does it mean when we say we can grow in faith? What grows in nature? How can we learn what it takes to grow and flourish from creation? What growth goals do we have for ourselves and our faith? We will utilize coloring pages and worksheets created by our local high school art classes during this session. We will seek to memorize the corresponding scripture for the word “Grow” from Thursday night’s collaborative art piece during this session of time. Depart with prayer.

FRIDAY, 7-9PM

Children & Youth are invited to gather for a movie viewing of Kung Fu Panda 4 and enjoy popcorn and snacks on the 3rd floor in the children's wing if they would like to forgo walking around the downtown area for First Friday.

SATURDAY, 7:30AM-NOON

INSPIRE SESSION

During this session we will talk about the things that inspire us and give us hope, while also talking about the inspiration of the scripture by the power of the Holy Spirit. We will discuss how Jesus inspires us to live differently and radically in our world. We will also have conversations about people we look up to, such as mentors, parents, pastors, and Christians whose faith we honor. Additionally, we will talk about our hopes and dreams... for our families, our churches, our regional ministries, and God's great big, beautiful world. We will utilize coloring pages and worksheets created by our local high school art classes during this session. We will seek to memorize the corresponding scripture for the word "Inspire" from Thursday night's collaborative art piece during this session of time. We will then depart with communion and prayer.

COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECT

We will create three art pieces on canvas for the Assembly on the first night of programming for children and youth. We will attempt to recreate the three barn quilts you see below on canvas with magazine, colored paper, and newspaper clippings.

BARN QUILT HISTORY:

<https://farmstayus.com/barn-quilts/#:~:text=Each%20design%20held%20its%20own,became%20increasingly%20personalized%20and%20ornate.>



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