

August 28, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are so excited for the 2014-15 Christian Ed year! Attached is a Sunday School Registration Form. Please fill it out and return to church on *Registration Sunday*, September 14th. If you're not available to attend, please return it to the Christian Education mailbox, or mail back to the Church Office at 364 White Plains Road, Trumbull CT 06611. Alternatively, you can save yourself a stamp and complete this form on our website at www.unityhillucc.org!

For those 1st - 8th grade, we are introducing a new Sunday School curriculum called **Grapple**. This curriculum lets the teachers use attention-grabbing lessons with thought-provoking videos, fun games, and deep life-changing Bible lessons that will engage students' attention. This new curriculum is teacher friendly and we hope you will consider joining our teacher rotation schedule. More information will be available at *Registration Sunday*.

In order to accommodate our current membership and teachers, our classes are now divided as follows: Newborn through Kindergarten (*Followers*) will gather in the Nursery for storytime, video lessons, and/or songs. First through fifth graders (*Shepherds*) and middle schoolers (*Disciples*) will gather downstairs to 'Grapple' questions about their faith. Please note that to accommodate for the new curriculum, **children will be reporting straight to their Sunday School classroom at the beginning of service**. Shepherds and Disciples will be returning to the sanctuary every first Sunday of the month for Communion (children will be sitting with their parents, so partaking in communion will be at the parent's discretion).

Also new this year, we will be collecting offerings at Sunday School. We will encourage students to earn money (via chores) and give a share to the church. Money collected will be used to purchase animals through Heifer International. Be on the lookout for more information on this program to learn how the children (and the church) will be involved!

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Anyone above 8th grade is being asked to stay in the sanctuary during service. Teachers need to focus on their students and having anyone other than those under their care can be a distraction. Should anyone 8th grade and below have permission from their parent to not participate in Sunday School, we ask that they stay in the sanctuary with their parent or guardian.

This year, we will be offering a Confirmation Class to those in 7th and 8th grade. Classes will begin in the Spring, and information will be available to those qualified to participate.

As many of you know, Unity Hill offers scholarship money for attendance at Silver Lake Conference Center. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by the applicant's Sunday School attendance, Youth Group attendance and participation, involvement in fundraising events, and community service completed with and through the church youth groups. More information will be available in January 2015.

As always, CE is grateful for the volunteers who make it all possible! We are here to make your child's church experience meaningful and memorable, and appreciate all the help we receive. Remember, it takes a village....

Respectfully,

The Christian Education Committee