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Family News

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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES TO SERVE TOGETHER

Parents and children are invited to prepare laundry detergent for our Food Pantry guests. Each month we prepare at least 40 bottles of homemade laundry detergent before Food Pantry (last Saturday of each month). The young people of the church have been invited to adopt this project.

Pastor Jill is looking for five people each month to work together on this. This might be one family or a couple of families together. It will take about 30 - 45 minutes each month and can be scheduled before or after worship. If you are interested in working in this ministry, please contact Pastor Jill (cyf@indyccc.org).

WORSHIP & WONDER UPDATES

Worship & Wonder is underway. This ministry is for children from age 3 - 1st grade. Each Sunday they leave the sanctuary after the Children's Moment and stay in Worship & Wonder until worship ends. Beginning this year children will have a note to bring home each week telling parents what story they heard and listing some questions the children have talked about. Stories are also listed in eConnections and bulletin.

A few reminders:

- Parents needs to go to the Parlor/Worship & Wonder room promptly after worship to pick up children
- If children are not yet potty trained parents are asked to change their diaper/take them to the restroom before they come to Worship & Wonder
- Worship & Wonder will not meet on Labor Day Sunday (**Sept. 4**).

YOUNG DISCIPLES UPDATES

The first five weeks (not including Labor Day - **Sept. 4** - when they will not meet) of Young Disciples are seeing the children talk about important qualities of successful communities in preparation for being together throughout the year. Then on **September 25 and October 2** Pastor Jill and a member of the Child Protection Taskforce will talk to the children about Central's Child Protection Policy and what it means for them. Parents are invited to join them for those sessions. This ministry is for children in grades 2 - 5. The children leave following the Children's Moment and return to the sanctuary for communion and offering.

CELEBRATE THE RETURN OF PASTOR LINDA, BEV AND ISAAC

Pastor Linda's sabbatical will soon be over and she and her family will be back with us. On Sunday, **September 11** we will celebrate their return to our congregation. Following worship we will share a meal together which will include some jazz music, hearing some of the McCrae/Knight family's story, and sharing some stories of our own. Plan to stay for that meal and linger with us as we spend time celebrating their return.

EXPLORING FAITH

Our first session of "Exploring Faith" for 5th - 8th graders will be Sunday, **September 25** from 12noon - 2pm (lunch will be served). These sessions are designed to help prepare those who are looking toward baptism/confirmation and to help those who have recently been baptized/confirmed to continue to grow in faith.

Also mark your calendars with the remaining dates: October 23, November 20, December 11, January 22, February 26 and March 12.

A culminating retreat will take place in April or May for those preparing for baptism/confirmation.

STEWARDS OF CHILDREN

Do you hear statistics about child sex abuse and find yourself concerned for your children or others? If so, join Pastor Jill for a **Stewards of Children** training to explore this difficult topic and be empowered to create safer communities.

Saturday, September 10
2 - 5pm

Friedens United Church of Christ
8300 South Meridian Street

Register by August 26 by emailing Sarah Haas at pastorsarah@friedensucc.org or calling her at 317-709-5857, Registration fee of \$10 will be collected at the event.