

KID'S NEWS

We are companions on a spiritual journey engaging minds, transforming hearts, and empowering hands to serve Jesus Christ in our local and global community.

Pancake Breakfast **February 12 9:30-11:00am**



The Boy Scouts from Troop 525 meet in our church each week throughout the year. To show their appreciation, they will provide a PANCAKE BREAKFAST in Jason Lee Hall. Come a little early for Sunday school and have your breakfast provided for you. If you are a scout yourself, wear your uniform to church that day and be recognized!

IT'S BACK

FYI Wednesdays are back for Lent this year! Join us each Wednesday, starting on Feb. 22, for a delicious dinner, inspirational Lenten speakers, and super fun activities while adult classes are in session. (The nursery is open for children's kindergarten and younger.) Each week will bring a new activity to explore together. Check out the schedule of activities below:

February 22

Story telling

Engage in a Lenten Bible story by wearing costumes and videotaping their acting the story

February 29

Games

Play a variety of games together as we get to know one another while having fun.

March 7

Yoga for Kids

Come experience how calm you will feel after stretching our bodies in new ways

March 14

Cooking from the Bible

What kinds of foods did Mary make Jesus when he was a kid? Cook and enjoy a snack.

March 21

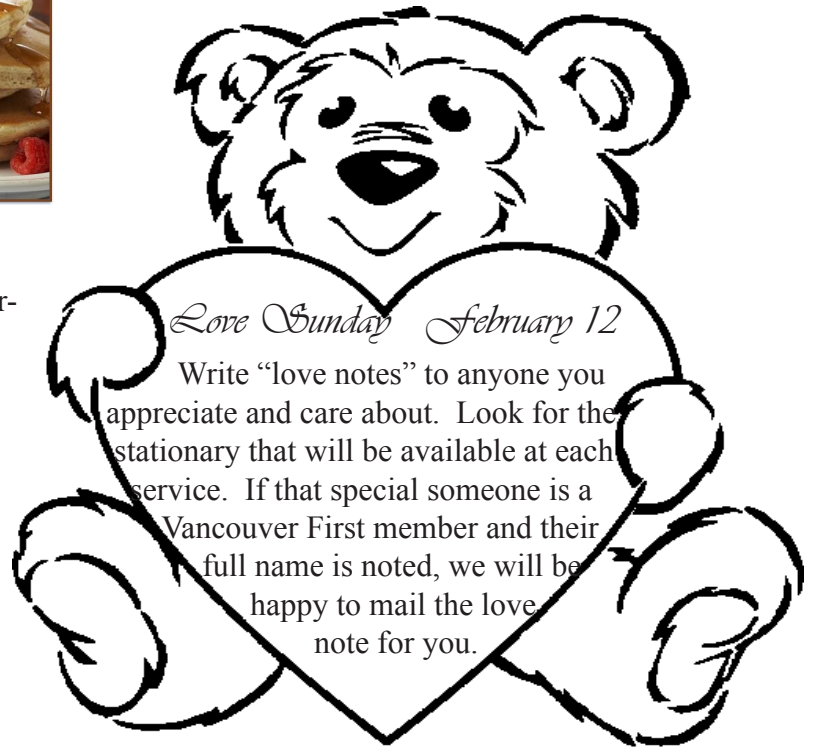
Music

Join us as we express our mid-week joy through singing.

March 28

Card Making & Cookie decorating

Create beautiful cards and cookies for those we love. What a great way to share God's love.



Shoes for School



During Children's Moments on Sunday, February 26, all children will receive their own Lenten calendar. The calendar lists fun activities for each day during Lent and a suggested donation amount. Any money collected will be sent to buy shoes for kids in Kenya so that they will be able to attend school.



Activity Time sees Moses

All kids, kindergarten and younger, are invited to join friends in the Rainbow room on Sunday mornings as they learn about Moses. Listen to stories, complete crafts and play with friends.



HELP WANTED

A great way to get your kids involved in church is for you to express your excitement about our programs by volunteering. We are always looking for people to help with our children. From leading a lesson to corralling a class, we have a spot for you. Just contact Elizabeth in the church office to find a place you would be comfortable (693-5881 or program@vanfumc.org)

OTHER NURSERY NEWS: There are two new diamond rings in the nursery! See if you can find out who is wearing them.



Is it Summer Already?

As your vacations are being booked, please keep the following dates in mind so you can join us for our summer activities.

Wonderful Wednesdays: One Wednesday a month, we will get together for some fun and fellowship. Join us from 3:30pm-4:30pm on **June 30, July 25, and August 22.**

VBS: SKY *everything is possible with God* (July 30-August 3)

Summer Camp Experiences: For a full listing of camps available, visit gocamping.org and pnwumc.org. Early bird registration is May 1 for most camps.



Ocean Park: Primary Adventures July 8-13
Intermediate Explorers July 8-13
Magruder: Camp Genesis Aug. 23-26
Superkids August 12-17
Moms, Pops, & Tots Aug. 23-26



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

All elementary church school classes use the LIVE BIG curriculum. This curriculum is arranged in monthly themes surrounding one idea and Bible verse. This focus allows the children to hear a message several times, helping them integrate it into their lives. All classes cover the same stories but use age-appropriate activities to illustrate the points. Our hope is that by sharing the stories with you, your family will be better equipped to have conversations with your children about what they have learned in church school each week.

BIG Theme: *Stories Jesus Told*

BIG Idea: *We believe that stories Jesus told help us know how to live.*

Bible Verse: *Teach me your way, O Lord. Psalm 27:11*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bible Verse</u>	<u>Summary</u>
February 5	Matthew 25: 14-29	The Talents: This parable tells of a wealthy man who gave his servants money. Some of the servants invested their money and gained profits. One buried the money and gained nothing. That servant was rebuked and his money taken from him. Like the servants, we have talents from God. You are expected to use those talents wisely and to give joyfully.
February 12	Luke 10: 25-37	The Good Samaritan: In this parable, Jesus asks us to accept our enemy rather than looking the other way. All people are a part of the family of God and all are the neighbors we must love. We are examples of God's love for everyone.
February 19	Luke 15: 8-10	Lost and Found: When a woman lost one out of ten coins, she lit a lamp and searched until she found it. When the coin was found, the woman celebrated with her friends. This parable signifies the celebration in heaven when a person repents of his sins and is found.
February 26	Luke 12: 13-21	The Rich Fool: The story of the rich man who stored all that he had reminds us that the earthly riches we store up have no lasting value. Real value comes with the treasures that a relationship with God and love for one another bring.

