



JUNE Tartan Talk

School letting out, VBS, Vacations, ...it's SUMMER!

Greetings,

June is upon us and for many of us, this month comes as a time of transition; graduations are over, schools let out for the summer, camps begin, vacations are marked on the calendar, tourists arrive, temperatures heat up, and hopefully, many wonderful memories are just waiting to be made! May God's abundant love, grace, and blessings be upon all of you in the coming days and weeks. We have some very exciting things happening in the life of the church- one being that **VBS starts exactly two weeks from today**. Much planning has already gone toward an exciting, learning-filled, and fun week for our children. Our volunteer coordinators have done an excellent job with recruiting volunteers, organizing, managing, preparing, and praying for a spectacular week... one that will truly be to **MARS AND BEYOND!** If you have already registered your child(ren) and/or yourself to volunteer, **WONDERFUL!** If you haven't, please do so by June 10th. (Check the link in the VBS info below for more information.) Registering early allows the leaders to make their preparations and have everything they need to include all of our children in a great week. A huge thank you, *to the moon and back*, goes to Dorothy Thaxton, Ashley Layton, Hunter Dawson, Lizzie Hamilton, and Laura Anne Moore who have been instrumental in *rocketing* this VBS spaceship to LIFT OFF soon. To all of them, to every volunteer who has signed up to lead, and to every parent who is bringing his or her child or children... **THANK YOU!** It is going to be an exciting week. To God be the glory!

Joyfully,

Suzy



HELP YOUR FAMILY GROW IN FAITH...

This month we continue to explore a new way for your family grow in faith. This month we have the opportunity to **GROW WITH GOD'S PEOPLE!** I venture to say that there are probably only a few people who don't recognize the phrase, "it takes a village". When I look back on the early years of being a parent, I recognize the people God put in our midst that helped to raise, shape, love, nurture, and protect our children. Today, I still thank God (and those people) for being a part of our children's lives. Without a doubt, **our church family was the primary place these individuals appeared! God created us as people who not only need community but also thrive and grow in one as well.** Here's a summer challenge... explore ways you can show your children that the church, the body of Christ, is an important part of your life and theirs as well. Spend time with those in our faith community outside of church. Perhaps as a family, after church one Sunday, you could invite a couple or another family over for lunch. If you are going to go pick up supplies for the VBS mission project, or serve in another community-minded capacity this summer, invite someone to go with you. Could your children make fresh lemonade or tea this summer and invite someone over for an afternoon on the porch? How can you have fun this summer with someone God has placed in your life? Can you see the beauty of intergenerational fellowship, fun, and learning? If so, be creative in watching those relationships grow and see what God can do when we become more engaged in our community of faith.

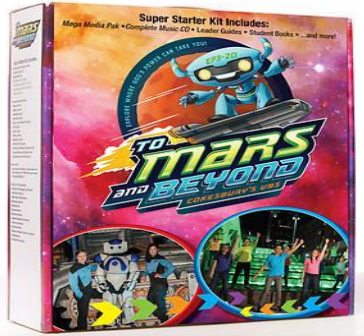
SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL... SOMETHING NEW!

In addition to the Wired Word adult class that runs the entire summer, we will be offering a Sunday school class based on THE DANIEL PLAN.

The Daniel Plan is a video-based study from Rick Warren, Dr. Daniel Amen, and Dr. Mark Hyman. It aims to launch your journey to health through five areas: FAITH, FOOD, FITNESS, FOCUS, and FRIENDS. According to Rick Warren, this plan works for one

simple reason: God designed your body to be healthy and provides everything you need to thrive and live an abundant life. The Daniel Plan emphasizes the powerful component of community. So, come and take part in our Sunday school offering this summer- you will not only enrich your own lives but strengthen your relationships with those in our faith community. We will be having a different leader each week that will bring his or her expertise and knowledge to the given topic being studied. We will kick off the summer study at **9am on JULY 14th**. Watch for more information in the Kirk News and in the weekly bulletins.

VBS!



Invite your friends and neighbors! REGISTER BY JUNE 10th!

VBS dates are [June 17th-21st](#) We are excited for the summer and what this year's VBS will bring for the children and families of First(Scots) and beyond! If you are interested in volunteering please check with Dorothy Thaxton, our VBS Volunteer Coordinator or Ashley Layton who is assisting Dorothy! [Click here to register](#)

The Bible stories for this summer will include:

TRUST: Daniel Trusts God;

BOLDNESS: Queen Esther Takes a Stand;

KINDNESS: The Good Samaritan;

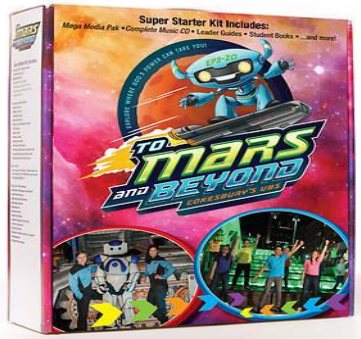
THANKFULNESS: Jesus Heals 10 Lepers;

HOPE: Jesus Comforts Friends on Road to Emmaus

This summer's VBS theme is ...

[To Mars and BEYOND: Explore Where God's Power Can Take You!](#)

Get Creative...



VBS Decor Needed

Summer is nearing and that means that Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and this year's theme is: To Mars and Beyond! In June, we will be supercharging the Massie Building with all kinds of outer space decor! As in years past, **we would love to offer you the opportunity to help us with our decorations. You and your family can craft small spaceships using everyday items like paper plates and bowls, toilet paper or paper towel rolls, cherry tomato containers or plastic cups.** Or, if you prefer to think big, grab a child sized plastic swimming pool, some spray paint and plastic cups, plates and bowls to make an amazing ceiling sized UFO or use some large cardboard boxes to make a space shuttle. Perhaps you would like to help fill our sky with planets. If so, giant plastic playground balls with dollar store hula hoops or paper lanterns with rings added could be fun! Or maybe you like buttons and gears and would like to fashion a control panel for our outer space adventures. See below the attached page for inspirational ideas and photos, but there are no rules here. Use your imaginations and have fun with this...the sky is the limit on what you can make! Please drop your creations off in Molly Wier Hall any time before Wednesday, June 12.



Darkness to Light Training...

(Program to prevent child sexual abuse)

***IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THIS WEEK!

We had a Darkness to Light Training last week... AND- We have another one this Wednesday (JUNE 5th) from 5-7pm.

Child Care is available (with pizza dinner for children, snacks for adults)

I will continue to offer and facilitate training sessions in the coming months to ensure that all who volunteer and work with our children will have the knowledge and information necessary to keep our children safe. For more information on this program please visit D2L.org .



Leaving you with something to think about... later this summer I will be devoting some time for planning our year ahead. I hope you will share your input, ideas, dreams, and more as we watch for and follow where God leads the children and family ministry here at First(Scots). You are an important part of that planning. **It does TAKE A VILLAGE! I look forward to you being part of the vision and hope that you will prayerfully consider how you can be a part *continuing* and creatively adding to our faithful, nurturing, and vibrant children's ministry!**

Grace and Peace,

Suzy