



in Children's Ministry



BRING

Vacation Bible School, Discovery Corner Preschool and Upward Basketball are only 3 of the many Children's Ministries of First Church. They also represent great examples of how we are bringing non-churched children into First Church. During VBS, we see 125 kids come through the doors for 5 consecutive nights of fun-filled, faith building. Discovery Corner Preschool has 55 children (highest ever) enrolled this year, half of which are from the surrounding community and not from FUMC. Upward Basketball had a record 2009-2010 season, growing from 165 to 225 children.



RETAIN

The community has come to know that First Church will provide a great faith experience for their kids, whether it is through VBS, DCP or Upward Basketball. This will be our 6th season of Upward, and we expect to grow again, needing to join with another facility to accommodate all of the children who want to play. We will not turn anyone away. Year after year children of all ages come to VBS to learn about Jesus--many for the first time.



DISCIPLE

Carefully trained and truly gifted leaders, teachers and coaches help kids learn so much more than just basketball skills, fun games and ABC's. These spirited individuals are planting the seeds of faith for the children they meet through these and other Children's Ministries of First Church (like Sunday School, Choir and 56er's).



SEND

Whether it is through VBS, DCP, Upward Basketball or any other of the equally important Children's ministries of First Church, one thing is for sure: We are empowering children to share what they have learned at FUMC, that may not only impact this city or community, but someday perhaps, the world.