



## Children's Church Mission

We believe children are the church of the present, not just the church of the future. They are companions in faith. God is as active in their lives as in the adult member's lives of our church family. Together in worship, we strive to seek God's presence and will in our lives.

The **Children's Church** ministry meets during the worship hour and is committed to a multi-sensory approach to Christian Education of ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. At Union United Church of Christ, we encourage families to bring their children to worship. At the same time, we realize that worship is often an adult exercise and therefore, it is sometimes difficult for young children to understand and appreciate worship fully. **Children's Church** attempts to enable the children to:

- \*appreciate and understand worship more fully,**
- \*provide an opportunity to develop a personal relationship with God,**
- \*learn the basic traditions of the United Church of Christ, and**
- \*allow them to take an active role in worship and the life of the church.**

By providing students with a hands-on approach to Christian education, our teachers are asked to plan and provide child-centered, age appropriate instruction. With this approach, the children are able to incorporate the Bible lessons into their daily living and make them an important part of their personal beliefs and growth. This type of Christian education should prove to be a part of their foundation in growing to be mature, responsible Christian adults. We hope that Children's Church will help children prepare to be part of other educational opportunities in the church, such as, acolyting, Confirmation and Youth Group. The basic premise of this ministry is the belief that learning about our faith and expressing our faith should be **meaningful and fun** for children.