

February 25, 2022

Dear Parents of Kindergarten through Fifth Graders:

The Milestones Ministry here at Myers Park Presbyterian Church is designed for children and youth during each year of their child and adolescent journey to mark an important moment in faith and life development. A milestone is:

- a stone set up beside a road to mark the distance in miles to a particular place.
- an action or event marking a significant change or stage in development.

In Children and Youth Ministries at Myers Park Presbyterian Church we believe it important to mark key moments in development. Those moments matter in our journey at significant turning points; and, those moments matter in our life together as we share foundational aspects of our faith and faith practices.

Each year, children and teens have an opportunity to participate in a specially designed Milestone ministry. For many of these workshops, parents are invited to come and participate to learn as well. We will be in touch by EMAIL to send further information for all spring events.

With each workshop, the child or teen collects symbols and tokens of each milestone along the way to place in the box. By the age of 18, each one will have a meaningful assemblage of their faith journey and learning.

I am writing for three reasons: first, to share the importance and vitality of this program; second, to share that your church's commitment to this program was one of the reasons I felt called as a pastor to Myers Park; and third, to share the dates we are planning to engage these programs in the upcoming year.

Kindergarten <i>Worship</i> Milestone:	Sunday, April 3 during Sunday School
First Grade <i>Communion</i> Milestone:	Sunday, May 1 during Sunday School
Second Grade <i>Prayer</i> Milestone:	Sunday, March 27 during Sunday School
Fourth and Fifth Grade <i>Mission</i> :	Will be offered during all Mission Kids Events with a focus During VBS week from June 13 to June 16 th .

Third Graders will complete their *Bible* Milestone on Sunday, March 6.

Fifth Graders will complete their *Faith and Sexuality* Milestone on Sunday, February 27.

This year we are thrilled that Megan Reese and Julie Grahl will be team leaders for this ministry. If you have questions, speak to them, myself, or Mandy Rencher.

Please be in touch if we can answer any questions or concerns, or share any prayers and hopes for this program. What we hear from teens, college students, and young adults is these moments matter. We are so grateful to be able to share them with your children and families!

Grace and peace,

Rev. Lisa Nichols Hickman