

April 2016
Easter

"Truly, I say to you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3

Our children and youth on Sunday mornings continue to hear bible stories in the Godly play way which means they are engaging in what the stories mean to them and sharing their thoughts with each other. Community is being built where each child and youth is welcomed into a safe place and God is often so very close.

During Lent the circle heard stories of the life of Jesus. After each story each person was invited to find something in the room to help tell more about the story. This question is inviting the children and youth to integrate other bible stories with the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. It was a time of rich engagement.

Here are a few photos that help tell the story of our time together.



As we journey through the rest of the season of Easter we will hear the Liturgical action story of Baptism and some Parables.

Pentecost is on May 15th and we look forward to sharing a celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early followers of Jesus and what is often known as the 'birthday of the Church'.

Blessings,

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Upcoming Dates...

Youth Group Gathering (for those in grade 7 to 12)
T.O.F.U— together of faith united

Friday, April 22 6 pm to 9 pm

Joint youth event with United Churches of Langley and Northwood United.

Friday, April 29 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm



MeSSy Church, April 30 4 pm to 6 pm

Caring For Creation

Messy Church is a way of being church for families involving fun, art, games, worship and food.

It is a time for all ages and is rooted in creativity, hospitality and celebration. We end our time together with dinner.

We will gather to create, explore, worship, sing and eat together. Come join us in the Upper Hall of the Church. All are welcome. RSVP would be helpful.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for our

SPRING YOUTH RETREAT

ISN'T IS GREAT!

For those in grade 7 to young adult
Friday May 20th to 23rd at Camp Fircom

Registration is online at:
www.vanyaya.bc.ca

If you have any questions please contact Mary

Cloverdale United Church Is hosting a week of

**CAMP SPIRIT
SUMMER CAMP**

August 15 – 19

9am to 3pm

For ages 5 – 11

ALL ARE WELCOME



Registration Is OPEN

Register at www.campspirit.ca

Lunch, Snacks and Camp T-shirt included

Cost is \$150* / Bursaries are available / Before and after camp care available

For more information please contact Mary Nichol