

Christian Education Committee

In 2016, our Sunday School program included classes for children, youth, and adults. The children and youth studied the Bible and explored faith through the *FaithWeaver NOW* curriculum under the guidance of **Jackie Montgomery, Sandy Kuhn, Nancy Telander, and Hannah Tucker.**

The adults' *FaithWeaver NOW* Sunday School class, led by **Nancy Henning**, has continued to grow in knowledge, faith, and number of participants. Across the hall, our long-standing **Grace** class enjoyed another year of rich, deep learning, rotating among the following teachers - **Rev. James Peacock, Rev. Bob Montgomery, Dr. James Monroe, Jackie Montgomery,** and others. Several adults participated in other study and fellowship opportunities, as well: the **Monday Morning Bible Study** and, following the successful pilot study in 2015, the first full series of **Engage** studies on Kirk Nights during the fall.

The Christian Education Committee also oversaw the hiring of **Rachael Weinell** as our regular Nursery Attendant for worship services and special events throughout 2016. Rachael was joined by several volunteers throughout the year including **Bianca Martin, Hannah and Ivan Tucker, Sandy Kuhn,** and others. We thank them all for their loving, diligent care of our youngest congregants.

We were thrilled to see **Pastor Steve** and his wife, **Susie**, engage our youth and their friends in joining youth from other churches on Sunday afternoons. Weekly youth gatherings helped our middle and high school students and their friends explore their faith in a peer-group setting.

The Christian Education Committee, whose members were **Ashlee Pitts, Nancy Telander, Hannah Tucker, and Jackie Montgomery,** worked diligently throughout the year to strengthen our Christian Education programs at Lafayette, for which I thank them heartily. We continue to crave your prayers, your efforts, and your gifts of time and talent!

In faith and service,

Bob Lovins

Chair, Christian Education Committee