

## Christian Education



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The Christian Education Committee responsibilities include planning, developing, and carrying out the Christian education programs for Lafayette. To accomplish this task the committee has oversight of the Sunday School program, Vacation Bible School, the Library, programs for children and youth, and other related programs.

The Grace Sunday School class is a constant at Lafayette. This year the class has used a DVD Bible study by Professor Amy-Jill Levine. Earlier in the year the study was "The Old Testament" and currently the study is "Great Figures of the New Testament" Professor Levine's view of the Bible often leads to thought provoking ideas and always to discussion.

It has been a goal at Lafayette for some time to return to having youth activities. We were able to make a step in that direction this year when Virginia Telander agreed to become our Children's Church educator. Virginia joins our nursery attendant Jaya Herman in providing Bible study lessons and related crafts for our youngest members. We also want to thank the various members that have conducted the classes when Virginia or Jaya have been on leave.

The well attended Monday morning Bible study is an informal discussion of the scripture for the sermon on the following Sunday. Led by Pastor Steve Graves, ideas from the group are even quoted in the Sunday morning sermon from time to time. Joys and concerns are shared for prayers, as well as good stories and jokes.

In this day and time internet presence is so important. Another goal for the committee was to update our website and keep it current. Up steps Richard Loose! Richard has been working diligently to update our information, to keep it very current, and to add new areas that would be of interesting to someone looking for a church. In addition to our website, Pastor Steve Graves keeps our Face Book page active and asks that we "Like" as many friends and family as possible in order to spread news about Lafayette.

Our program of a follow up communications with visitors to Lafayette has been continued with the dedication of Christy Stacey. Visitors are sent a personal post card. There is other contact if requested.

In May Lafayette celebrated the Kirkin' O' the Tartans. The C.E. committee hosted the Fellowship luncheon that followed the worship service with a luncheon/buffet/reception. With the assistance of the congregation, we showed the visiting St. Andrew's Society our hospitality and honored our Presbyterian heritage.

In 2020 the Christian Education committee plans to have a special focus on our library that is so faithfully maintained by Bonnie Burns. Watch for ways that you may be able to participate.

Several individuals are Ad-Hock members of the Christian Education committee. They serve on special projects, as advisors, as educators, and as support for the committee's responsibilities.

Thank you, Bonnie Burns, Jaya Herman, Susanne Korta, Richard Loose, Bianca Martin, Annette Preacher, Christy Stacey, Nancy Telander, Virginia Telander, and the congregation as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Tucker, Chair