



A newsletter for people serving in children's ministry in the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Connect!

Good news!
Children's ministry is alive and well in Arkansas!

Back in December 2010, a group of people who are passionate about ministry with children and families in the local church met in Little Rock for a day of talking about where we've been in children's ministry and dreaming about where we'd like to go. From that meeting, the Conference Council on Children's Ministry (C.C.C.M.) was born. As a Council we want to use our connectional ties to act as a resource for information, training and support to all congregations serving children and families in Arkansas.

It's been said it takes a village to raise a child. You and I are part of that village. Join me in this journey as together we accomplish amazing things for the Kingdom in Arkansas!

In Him,
Karen Swales - Conference Children's Coordinator

Arkansas C.C.C.M. Conference Council on Children's Ministry


Here's a list of people involved with our C.C.C.M. group either as a District Coordinator or a consultant. If you'd like to be a part of this group, please contact our conference children's coordinator, Karen Swales at karen@fumcwired.com.

District	Name	City	Church	Responsibility
Central	Liz Wright	Little Rock	St. Paul	District Coordinator
North				District Coordinator
North Central	Pam Lentz	Conway	First	District Coordinator
Northeast	Shannon May	Jonesboro	First	District Coordinator
Northwest	Cathy Caudle	Rogers	First	District Coordinator
South Central	Barbara Nix	Benton	First	District Coordinator
Southeast				District Coordinator
Southwest	Jeremy Carter	Magnolia	First	District Coordinator
West				District Coordinator
	Karen Swales	Springdale	First	Conference Children's Coordinator
Resource Members				
	Karen Anderson	Rogers	Central	Consultant
	Debi Blaylock	Little Rock	Winfield	Consultant
	Laurie and Bill Bruce	Fayetteville		Consultant
	Carrie Drish	Bella Vista	First	Consultant
	Tami Freeman			CEF
	Sara Harris	Bentonville	First	Music, Children in Worship
	Kaylea Hutson	Siloam Springs	First	CCCM Website
	Amy Law	Stuttgart	First	Children's Choir Festival
	Shea Marsh	Jonesboro	Cornerstone	Consultant
	Meredith O'Hara	Little Rock		Child Care Consultant
	Denni Palmer	Elm Springs		Consultant
	Becky Smith	Russellville	First	Consultant
	Pam Snider	Little Rock	Asbury	Consultant
	Tricia Weaver	Paragould	First	Consultant



Need \$\$ for VBS?
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Announcing the new online home for Arkansas UMC Children's Ministers & Volunteers

<http://kidz.arumc.org>

Your online source for ministry resources & a discussion forum.

We're still moving in, so pardon our dust!
You'll want to stay tuned - great things are ahead! Got questions?
E-Mail us at arumckidz@gmail.com




Statewide VBS Training

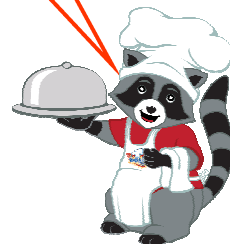


Cokesbury's "Shake It Up Café"

When:
Saturday, April 30th
9 am – Noon

Where:
First United Methodist Church
723 Center Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Meet with people from your area of the state to share ideas and resources.



Why should I attend:

- ◆ Meet other people from your area to network and share resources.
- ◆ **\$200 VBS grants** for small attendance churches (125 people or less in morning worship attendance) awarded to 1 church in each district. Must be present to win.
- ◆ 20% discount from Cokesbury on all VBS items purchased at the workshop.
- ◆ 2 VBS Starter Kits and lots of FUN prizes to give away.
- ◆ Get some great ideas about how to decorate, game and craft alternatives, money saving tips and MORE!
- ◆ It's gonna be FUN!

What's the schedule:

- 9-9:30 Registration and Browse Around
- 9:30 Worship
- 9:45 Crafts
 - Storytelling
 - Decorating
 - Preschool/Kindergarten
 - Directors
- 10:45 Recreation
- 11:00 It Worked For Us
 - Small Church
 - Large Church
- 11:30 District Networking

Experience a kid-friendly opening worship service that you can take back and use at your VBS.



Learn valuable VBS tips and tricks from people in your size church who have "been there-done that".

How much?

- ◆ It only costs \$10.00 per person, and you can simply register at the door!