

# St. Peter's by the Sea Presbyterian Church Children and Family Ministries

## September Newsletter



**September 2017**

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### Upcoming Events



September 10th-  
Blessing of the Backpacks  
and Fall Parents' Meeting

September 11th -  
Women's Bible Study  
Kick-off

September 29th-  
The Trail Dive-In

*Greetings!*

*September is upon us and school is beginning. This time of year is about getting back into routines and habits that we often relax on during the summer... ask anyone trying to wake a kid up for the first week of school. In our house my son is beginning elementary school so we have a whole NEW set of habits to learn.*

*For me, September is a reminder to not only get school and home habits in order, but to get back on track with our faith habits too. Just like other areas of our lives our faith lives require regular and healthy practices to keep things sustainable. What does that look like for your family? Praying for each other every night? Attending worship together? Serving others as a family? Think about what faith habits you can engage together and give one or two new ones a try.*

*Through our programming at St. Peter's there will be several opportunities to start new practices this year. You are always welcome to reach out to me if you have any questions about how to do this for your family. I love dreaming with families about how they can live faith out together.*

*Please read on for more information about how to connect at upcoming events, church school, and St. Peter's programs. You can also connect through our Facebook page, just click the link to the left!*

*Blessings,*

*Anna Sudeth*

*Director of Children and Family Ministries*



October 29th-  
Trunk or Treat and Chili  
Cookoff

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## Church School

Sundays  
9:15 & 11:00

To get our weekly  
Church School News,  
with info about the  
upcoming lesson,  
contact  
[Anna@spbts.org](mailto:Anna@spbts.org).

[Church School  
Registration Form](#)

**This month:**  
**Judges and Kings**  
09/03- Hannah Prays  
09/10- God Calls  
Samuel  
09/17- Samuel Anoints  
Saul  
09/24- Samuel Anoints  
David

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## Children in Worship

Worship is something  
we can do alone at  
anytime, on Sundays  
when we gather it is a  
time for us ALL to  
worship our God  
together. With that in  
mind we are always  
looking for ways in  
which to have people of  
all ages actively  
participating in leading  
worship.

We have opportunities  
for children to be  
involved in leading  
worship. If your child,  
in 2nd grade or older,  
is interested in  
participating through  
reading scripture,  
praying, or maybe has  
another idea on how to  
help lead worship,  
please contact  
[Anna@spbts.org](mailto:Anna@spbts.org)

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## A BIG BIG Thank You!

You will notice our

## Blessing of the Backpacks

A really special event Sunday  
September 10th for all school  
age people.



Join us at St. Peter's Fall Kickoff  
for our Blessing of the Backpacks. As we begin a new  
school year all children and students (teachers too) are  
invited to bring their backpacks to worship at 9:15 or  
11:00 am. We will have a special time of recognition  
inviting them forward (backpacks too), and offering a  
blessing for the school year and offer ways for the church  
to continue to pray for each student throughout the year.

## Parents' Meeting

September 10th  
12:30 PM  
Lunch and Meeting



All parents of infants through college-age kids: we are so  
excited that we get to partner with you in the task of  
raising your children to be loving and passionate  
disciples. Parents' Meeting is a chance for us to come  
together as a community and talk about what Children,  
Youth and Family Ministries will look like this school  
year.

Please come join us for a meal and participate in this  
important conversation. You'll receive resources and  
information about programs and plans at St. Peter's for  
children, youth, and their families. We look forward to  
spending time with you.

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## Please complete your Church School Registration Forms

Please complete the [2017-2018 Church School  
Registration Form](#) if your child attends Church School  
on Sunday Mornings at St. Peter's. We want to be sure  
we have up-to-date info so we can make sure everyone  
stays safe and has fun! Please complete one for each  
child. Forms will also be available in classrooms on  
Sunday mornings.

Form available [here](#)

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## The Trail

4th and 5th Graders  
September 29th

Our program just for 4th and  
5th grade students kicks off  
with a splash!



Join us on **Friday September 29th at 6:30 pm** for a  
DIVE-in Movie. We'll eat dinner, swim, and watch Soul  
Surfer!

Church School areas for The Shore (Preschool - 3rd) and The Trail (4th - 5th) have received some special updates over the summer while we were at Outdoor Church School.

Thank you so much for everyone who put in time and effort to make our Children's space so special, especially Devon Singh-Barrett and Colleen Cox who spent MANY hours organizing and cleaning.

Can't wait to see you there! Please complete release forms attached to flyer.

Download DIVE-IN flyer and releases to share with friends [here](#)

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## **Families with children: Look out for something new!**



Before worship on Sunday, look for our new children's station in the entrance to the Sanctuary. There will be Church Kid Kits available on the cart along with a small collection of books.

Children are welcomed to take a kit with them into worship. Included in the kit will be crayons, paper, and a Bible Story worksheet.

We love children in worship services and encourage families to engage their children in worship at a pace that is right for each child. It is our hope that these kits help both parents and children engage their faith lives in worship.