

To the Parents of the Youth at Shepherd of the Hills:

With the fast approaching beginning of the Sunday school year, September 13th, we wanted to share with you some of the details and guidelines that have been established by the Board of Education, as well as the Sunday school teachers at Shepherd of the Hills.

We want you to feel confident we are doing whatever possible in our power in making the conditions as safe as possible for your child in this unprecedented Sunday school year. However, we cannot do this alone, and we ask for your patience, understanding, and support to insure a successful Sunday school year.

Those leading our Sunday school classes this year, who have graciously given of their time in the teaching of God's Word, are being directed by Sunday School Director, Karen Chiu

PreK/K – Kiersten Nash and Christina Bogart (East Preschool Room)  
1st/2nd grade – Hannah Black (West Preschool Room)  
3rd/4th grade – Dave Hokanson and Miriam Hokanson (Toddler Room)  
5th grade – Brad Bird and Grant Holzhueter (Conference Room)  
Youth Group – Jesse Dunsmoor and Hailie Hacker (Balcony)

Following worship, the congregation will be excused to allow for distanced socializing and fellowship. After a short period of time, the adults will go to the fellowship hall for adult bible study while the children will go into the sanctuary. At this time, we need your help in getting your child/children situated into the sanctuary for pre-Sunday school singing. While in the sanctuary the children will be directed to follow social distancing as much as possible.

After the singing, the children will go to their assigned classrooms or areas. When the children are situated, they will receive a prepackaged snack, in their rooms, that the teachers will have ready for them. Again, as much as possible, while the children are in their respective areas, social distancing will be practiced.

While the children are in their rooms and throughout the building, SOTH will follow state guidelines in the wearing of masks. All children, over the age of 5, will be required to wear a mask. Teachers will have the option of wearing a mask while teaching, yet maintaining and practicing social distancing. However, when close contact is needed teachers will wear a mask. Also, hand sanitizer will be available and used in all rooms.

After class, the rooms, furniture and bathrooms will be disinfected by the teaching staff, along with the help of the youth group students. A cleaning/disinfecting checklist has been established to insure all areas are covered.

For those who prefer to have their child experience distant Sunday school, a link will be provided in the weekly online worship email. Your child/children will be instructed through an online video that follows the same curriculum, which coincides with the in person Sunday school lessons taught by our teachers.

We will also follow all the above established guidelines during our Wednesday evening youth ministry program which begins September 16th at 6:00PM.

Working together in God's Love, along with your patience, understanding and thoughtfulness the Sunday school will have a very successful year. Thank you for your support and understanding as we make every attempt to insure your child/children receive the full understanding of God's Word and Love in these unprecedented times.

In Christ,  
Pastor Denney  
Steve Buboltz