

Prayer of Thanks for Teachers of Children and Youth

Leader: We want to thank you, Teachers. You have been important guides for children and youth. In Sunday School you presented stories of Jerusalem's rise and fall, and the Exile of God's people, and images of God's care for God's people. You read stories of Jesus from the book of Matthew. You explored texts from the Bible regarding Love is A Verb theme. You cooked foods from the first five books of the Bible. Wednesday night kids explored Kindness! All of this affects the whole congregation. We see God's ongoing transformation in our lives.

Congregation: We give thanks for your time and teaching. We pray you were also blessed.

Leader: Parents and congregation, you also are a significant part of formation for children and youth in this congregation.

Congregation: Be with us as we nurture our children in our homes and at church.

Leader: Let us join our hearts in prayer. God, we thank you for calling us to be your people, for teaching us as we teach our children and each other. We praise you for your grace which moves among us, shapes us, and transforms us. We open our lives to you. In the name of Jesus, Amen!

Prayer of Blessing for Adult SS and Wednesday Teachers/Leaders

Leader: As followers of Jesus, our spiritual transformation is a life-long journey, unique to each one of us, and a work of God's grace. As leaders and teachers, you have made time and space for grateful remembering, authentic sharing and new learning.

Congregation and Adult Teacher/Leaders: With the help of God's Spirit, we have been blessed with growth in our learning and in our relationships.

Leader: Let us join our hearts in prayer. God of Grace, God of Wisdom, we thank you for drawing us to you, here in your house. We thank you for working among us to make us your people as we live out our days. Your grace and power shapes us and transforms us. We open our lives to you. In the name of Jesus, Amen!

Teacher Recognition

Teachers who helped at FMC since September 2016:

Julie Linnens
Asia Frye
Erin Unruh
Tracy Hefley
Hank Unruh
Kelly Linnens
Jim Jantzen
Amanda Abrahams
Becky Gage
Danielle Bartel
Judy Harder
Tim Frye

A variety of adult leaders

Topics of Adult Sunday School, Wednesday evenings, several Saturdays

- ☞ Sabbath as Resistance -- W. Brueggemann
- ☞ Vocation and Call
- ☞ Focus on Prison Ministry, incarceration realities
- ☞ Newspapers as community builders
- ☞ Quarterly Material, including study on Revelation, Hebrews, Gospel of John, Galatians, Psalms
- ☞ America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America by Jim Wallis
- ☞ Discovering Forgiveness by Larry Dunn
- ☞ Bible Study on the book of Ruth
- ☞ "Every 28 Hours" drama experience on the topic of racism
- ☞ Visits to Islamic Center of Wichita
African American Community Celebration in Wichita
Dinner Theater at Ellsworth Correction Facility