

2021 Children's Discipleship Programs in Review

- We were able to resume in person Sunday School classes and Nursery. We figured out social distancing, a reservation system and individual supplies. I am very thankful for my teachers, helpers and Nursery workers who week after week came in and went with all the changes.
- We attended the CMA Metro District Next Conference virtually in February. It was a half day filled with great speakers and thoughtful conversations.
- We continued to reach out to our families by dropping off Valentine's gifts to every child's home.
- We had fun "egging our neighbors" as an outreach at Easter and sharing the Good News in a fun way.
- One of our best memories of 2021 was being able to have VBS in person for 30 kids in August! This was the most challenging VBS to date with all the COVID restrictions and concerns. The joy on the kids and families faces was worth all of it.

Our Youth members led worship, volunteered in all areas and helped with getting everything ready. Heather Zimmer and I are just amazed at the heart of our former students to worship God and we love seeing them be the leaders God meant them to be. We feel very blessed that they want to share their time with us!

- VBS Mini-camp was held on September 9th. School was out to celebrate Yom Kipper and kids were at BCC all day long learning about Jesus. We had 30 kids attend this event and half of the kids in attendance were not from BCC. This was the first time we had an event that was from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Our goal was to help working parents. Our volunteers were fantastic and it was nice spending some quality time with these kids. We were able to slow down, draw them into the activity and have a discussion about what would you do if you were a Bible character in this story. Would you make the same choices? We also partnered with two girl scouts who are earning their Gold Award to show us how to make toys for shelter dogs and bracelets to remind us to be kind to others.
- Fall Fest was held on Saturday, October 23, 2021. We saw 30 kids attend this event. Again one half of the kids attending were not from BCC. One family had heard about our event from our table at the SeptemberFest in Mount Kisco.
- Parents Night Out - Friday, November 11, 2021. This event was small but the kids had a great time eating pizza, building forts and having Nerf battles.

- Walk to Bethlehem - Saturday, December 4, 2021 - This started out as an idea from Children's Discipleship but became a church wide event. It is important to have multigenerational events so that kids can feel part of the church community. It touched my heart to turn around to see almost 50 volunteers of all ages ready to greet members from BCC and the surrounding areas! We had 27 tours and almost 250 visitors that day. The best thing was that everyone heard that Jesus stepped out of Heaven to save them. We got to share the good news of Salvation with every single visitor!

I want to thank our families for inviting their friends and neighbors to our events and also being patient in a year that was full of changes.