

Dear Cornerstone Families,

We are excited to inform you that we are making plans to re-open Children's Ministry! The Children's Ministry Staff and Volunteers have missed seeing you and your children. We know the past six months have been difficult for families and it will be such a blessing to gather again as we share Bible stories and worship experiences.

The Cornerstone staff has spent a great deal of time praying over how to re-open Children's Ministry safely while allowing children to experience a rich Christian community. We invited feedback from all our families through a parent survey on re-opening and we have listened to your comments. We respect all opinions and perspectives during this unprecedented time and continue to welcome your feedback as we move forward with programming.

We are committed to providing a clean, safe, and healthy experience for kids and volunteers at Cornerstone. We also recognize children and families need to collectively worship and fellowship and are committed to building relationships between kids and volunteers during these changing times.

Nursery and Children's Worship through 5th grade will re-open on Sunday, September 13 at the 9:30 am service. Nursery for children birth to age 2 will also be available at the 11:00 am service. Family tables in the Celebration Center will be available at all three service times to accommodate families that wish to worship together.

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm we will provide an outdoor worship service designed for the entire family to participate in together.

Pre-Registration

- Families are asked to **pre-register their children for Nursery and Children's Worship**. You can do this in the same form that is used to register for services in the Sanctuary. The form is emailed to all attendees on Monday morning. You can also find the form on the Cornerstone website. This will allow us to sufficiently schedule volunteers and to pre-print name tags for children, reducing the amount of hands-on contact at check-in. **You will need to register your children each week by noon on Thursday.**
- We are also in need of volunteers in Children's Ministry. Many of our previous volunteers need to take extra precautions during this pandemic. We are asking all parents to consider helping in Children's Ministry. You can sign up to serve on the Cornerstone website, or by contacting Renee Hinkle-De Groot at rdegroot@cstoneepc.com.

Precautions

- Volunteers and children are asked to stay home if they, or anyone in the household, has experienced symptoms of being sick within the past week.
- Please take the temperatures of all your children at home, before coming to church. Please do not bring children that have a fever.
- Each service hour will have an assigned basket of class materials to be used only during that hour.
- Volunteers will wipe surfaces with sanitary wipes throughout the hour.
- Nursery volunteers will be given clear masks to wear the entire time in the Nursery rooms.
- All Nursery volunteers will be asked to wash hands upon entering the room.
- All individuals, 1st grade and older, are asked to wear a mask while walking through the building. Masks may be removed when you are in a designated worship area.
- **No snacks will be provided by Children's Ministry at this time.**

Outdoor Children's Worship

- Early Childhood and Elementary classes will meet outside under a canopy tent beginning September 13. Nursery will be inside.
- Families with Early Childhood and Nursery aged children will check-in and pick up name tags in the Nursery hallway.
- Families with Elementary school aged children will check-in and pick up name tags at the tent near the large CCS playground by the soccer field.
- Parking lot gates will be closed at the CCS main entrance and flagpole entrance so that families can walk children through the parking lot to check-in locations.
- **In the event of rain or inclement weather**, children and volunteers will meet inside their regular classrooms, and all those 1st grade or above, need to wear masks while walking through the hallways.
- Please watch this video to see the traffic pattern for check-in and pick-up:

<https://youtu.be/FnOo1hTi9UU>

Thank you for your flexibility as we navigate these extraordinary times with careful planning and grace. We are so excited to welcome your children back and to continue discipling alongside you.

If you have any questions, please contact Brandon LaFontaine at blafontaine@cstoneepc.com.

In Christ,

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"...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone." – *Ephesians 2:20*