

Children's Chapel 2021

Covid 19 pandemic continued to prohibit the gathering of children for worship during the Liturgy of the Word at our 10:30am service.

Thanks to the great work of Heidi Oliff, monthly mailings offered ways for parents and caregivers to offer prayer and worship at home. Each month Heidi mailed out 28 packets of activities for kids..

Children's Chapel merges with 4pm Outdoor Park Service

The Pray-Ground, an intergenerational worship experience was woven into our 4pm summer months Mooney Park Service. Covid continued to present barriers to worshipping with our kids, but the summer saw us gathering in Mooney Park one Sunday a month at 4pm for an outdoor service which allowed us to safely worship with our kids.

As we waited for the vaccine for younger people, we could still receive the gifts of worship leadership from our youngest members. Prayer leading, Godly Play, and time in the park's playground itself for making and renewing friendships--so long as we didn't get rained out!! :-)

Many thanks to Olivia Mensah ,Ava Mensah, Sherifa Olivia Bethune, Vivienne Pearson, Silas Angell, and Ilona Penczykowski for serving at these PrayGround services.

Huge thanks to Heidi Oliff who continued to offer her great gift of Godly Play story-telling, even after she had formally ended her time as Children's minister.

Nursery Care 2021

Did not occur. It could not be offered during this Covid 19 pandemic year of risk management.

Godly Play 2021

It was all online! Saturday morning zooms with Heidi Oliff kept this community gathered and immersed in the wonder of our scripture stories and liturgical year. Heidi continued to create pre-recorded beautiful Godly Play stories, even creating a Godly Play story about Bishop Barbara Harris.

Godly Play circle was offered each Saturday morning via zoom for a live wondering time and prayer with your candle, until mid-summer when families declared themselves "zoomed out."

A new thing from this tired old pandemic: Wonder Play!

Wonder Play! was created for 2-3 year olds (and younger) with parents' help to attend. A wonderful story and more sing a long music from Eliana Haig, then some wonder time and prayer live on zoom together.

Huge thanks for the music leadership gifts of Eliana Haig, now all our children are singing “This Little Light of Mine!”

Shout out to Heidi Oliff’s kid’s Chloe and Clara Oliff for all their faithful, loving behind the scenes work on Godly Play. They served in the video production and assisting in the Pray-Ground Services.

YOUTH MINISTRY 2021–ZOOMED OUT!

After a year of being carried by Chloe Oliff offering Compline on Zoom– As the Covid 19 virus wore on, zoom fatigue for teens set in– so it was decided to take a step back from trying to do any group program- but the faithful leaders: Ken Brown, Markie Jo Crismon and Julie Bennett remained present and available.

November 2021 during coffee at Cursed Bikes and Coffee, our Youth Ministry leaders regrouped to form the Holy Communion Youth Service Corps. And Rebecca Comas joined the mentors team. We look forward to launching this ministry, just as soon as the pandemic allows.