

In an effort to provide age appropriate spiritual learning opportunities for the children of Bethesda EC Church during these unusual times, we wanted to offer the following plan for reinstating children's ministry for when we begin with outdoor services on September 6th, 2020 and possibly for when we find ourselves indoor as well.

1. **Location:** For the outdoor services, we will provide a fenced in area at the north end of 23 Meadowbrook Center where parents can drop their kids off prior to the start of service. We ask that all parents accompany their kids to the drop off location and not just have them run up by themselves to better maintain social distancing guidelines.
2. **Ages:** To begin with, we will only be offering childcare for children in grades 1 through 4. At this time Nursery, Pre-K, and K childcare will not be available.
3. **Social Distancing:** When children arrive, they will be taken to a properly distanced area and be asked to sit within that area during the lesson. They will have an opportunity to stand up and be active during this time later through proper social distancing games and activities.
4. **Snacks:** We will not be providing snacks to the children during this time, so we ask that families send their kids with a snack from home for designated snack time.
5. **Masks:** While we are outside masks will not be required by children. If, for the sake of weather, we move inside it will be recommended that children come with masks.

While we understand these times are trying for us all we will do what we can to maintain a safe experience for your children in a way that provides them spiritual learning on their level. If you should have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Stewart at the church office or via e-mail at smmacdonald@bethesdaec.org. We thank you so much for your patience and grace as we try to figure this out along with the rest of you.