

The Spring Hill United Church of Christ is committed to creating and maintaining programs and spaces where children can learn and work together safely. To this end, the church has adopted a *Policy on Safe Conduct: Creating a Safe Place for Youth and Children's Ministries.*



*The Spring Hill United Church of Christ was founded in 1978 by UCC members from northern states who wanted to bring the open and progressive understanding of the faith to our community. We remain committed to being a church that is welcoming to all, open to using our minds to understand our faith, and committed to reaching out to help others in our community and the world. We accept all Christian baptisms and welcome all to the communion table.*

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**Children's**  
**Ministries**

## Children in Worship



Children are welcome in worship at SHUCC! Early in the worship service, our young people are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a special message before leaving for Sunday school classes which are held for children ages 4 through grade 5.



### Communion

On Sundays when communion is served, children receive a special blessing from the Pastor.

### Confirmation

Middle and/or high school age youth will be offered a year-long confirmation class led by the pastor (with assistance from lay leaders??)

## Sunday School

Sunday school classes meet weekly throughout the school year to help nurture children's growing faith. We use the UCC-based curriculum, Seasons of the Spirit which is a multiage, lectionary-based program. Each lesson includes a time for gathering and sharing, a story based on the scripture passage (which is usually the same scripture passage used in adult worship), and creative responses to the passage (art, music, drama). Families are asked to pick up their children from the Sunday school room following worship.

### Special Programs

From time to time, children will participate programs or activities related to the church season such as the Palm Sunday Processional, an Easter Egg Hunt, and the traditional Christmas Pageant.



## Nursery Care



During the worship service, our nursery attendants work together to provide excellent care for infants and toddlers each week of the year. Parents are welcome to leave their infants and/or toddlers in our care, or may bring them to the nursery from the worship service at any time (for a feeding, diaper change, etc.). Of course, parents/guardians are always welcome to remain with their infant/toddler in the nursery.

*In order to better meet the needs of each child, families are asked to fill out a basic information sheet.*