

## **Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministry 2023 Annual Report**

The Ministry of Children, Youth and Young Adults has defined its roles and responsibilities as a ministry aiming to build and develop an inclusive ministry for children, youth and young adults in order to support youth in their Christian faith and leadership development and growth, as well as providing support for the Minister of Children, Youth & Young Adults.

The CYYA ministry has gone through significant changes in 2023. As a result of the discernment and transition process carried out by the congregation, the position of the Minister of Children, Youth and Young Adults had been re-classified from a full-time position to a half-time position. The incumbent Minister moved to serve another congregation in mid-year. An Interim Children and Youth Program Coordinator led a team of volunteers to carry out the ministry from mid-June to the end of the year. The position of Chair of the CYYA Committee remained vacant and the committee inactive.

The Ministry has carried out programs in three areas:

1. Spirit Kids Sunday Morning Program: the program was led by the Minister in the first half of the year. In the second half of the year, led by the Interim Children and Youth Program Coordinator, nine volunteers served as Spirit Kids Leaders who worked with the children on Sundays. There were 3 outdoor Spirit Kids sessions. In the summer and the Christmas season, a program called "Take Out Church" was offered to the children and youth and their families. In total, 24 boxes were delivered.
2. Messy Church Program: the Messy Church program is intended for families to encounter Jesus and explore the biblical theme through creative activities, celebration/worship, sharing a meal together, and building relationships. Four Messy Church sessions have been offered in 2023. June 9th Messy Church drew a large crowd as families gathered to express their thanks and good wishes to the departing minister. A Messy Church Beach Day was offered in July.
3. Youth Program: Some gatherings were organized for the youth group.

Children and youth and their families from the Spirit Kids program and the Messy Church program participated in the Intergenerational Christmas Eve service.

*Respectfully submitted,  
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