



Children & Spiritual Growth Leaders and Teachers

2025-2026 Program Year

Nursery Care

Pick up at 10:00 am or 11:30 am in Room 109

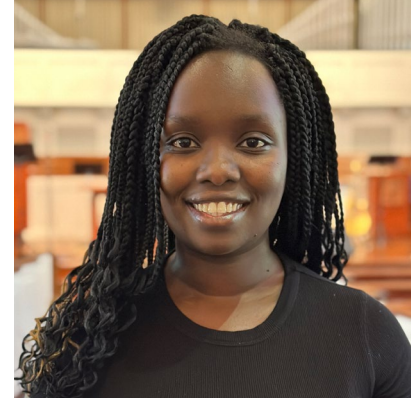
MS. MARY MAINA

Childcare Coordinator • Nursery

"We can't wait to have your littles back with us!"

Home: Chadds Ford

Fun Fact: I lived in Europe for 6 years!



MISS RACHEL GOLDSBOROUGH

Nursery

"I enjoy reading and playing with the children."

Home: Downingtown

Fun Fact: I am planning a 2025 wedding!



MS. BETH STAPLES

Nursery

"I like working with the children of WPC and watching them grow and develop physically and socially."

Home: West Chester

Fun Fact: I have a long haired tuxedo cat named Zelda.



MISS CACILIA ROLLET

Nursery

"I've grown up in Westminster and have been very involved over the past few years, I can't wait to be more involved in this new way. I'm so excited to meet all of you and your children this coming school year."

Home: West Chester

Fun Fact: I am a third year psychology student at the University of Delaware.



Additional Helpers You May See in the Classroom from

Time-to-Time: Lauren Blake, Susan Caldwell, Joan Cloutman, Maria Cornacchione, Jane Deacon, Carol Edwards, Daniella Emrich, Karen Finley, Karen Goldsborough, Gretchen Hrachovec, Mary Alice James, Cindy Knisley, Phyllis Schamber, Paula Seo, Nancy Shuts, Jackie Steinmetz, Lauren Smith, Kaitlin Young & Kemper Young

9:00 am WeeConnect

Pick up at 10:10 am in the Chapel

MS. DIANE MACHAMER

Lead for 9:00 am Wee Connect

"Can't wait to start the new year and look forward to working with the children."

Home: Glen Mills

Fun Fact: I love books and I love to read. I'm in charge of the library where I live, which is Maris Grove.



MS. JILL REICHERT

Director of Children & Family Ministries

9:00 am WeeConnect

Lead for 10:30 am Young Children & Worship

"Children have an innate spirituality, and I LOVE spending time with them and learning how God is moving in them and working through them. What a joy! I look forward to seeing more of that this year."

Home: I live in Strasburg (Lancaster County)

Fun Fact: I am the only female (of any species) that has lived in my house for YEARS! Husband, 2 sons, dog, 2 cats... all male.



MS. STEPHANIE CARPENTER

9:00 WeeConnect

"I am really looking forward to worshipping with the kiddos this year! Each child brings so much joy and special light to our group."

Home: Chadds Ford

Fun Fact: I love reading, walking, and coffee.



MS. DANICA FRAZIER

9:00 WeeConnect

"I'm excited for another wonderful year in WeeConnect! Sharing Bible stories, asking wondering questions, and watching young kids respond to God's word is one of my favorite things to do. I'm looking forward to getting to know more of our littlest worshippers."

Home: Westtown

Fun Fact: I lived at Grand Canyon National Park for a year.



Additional Helpers You May See in the Classroom from Time-to-Time:

Maria Cornacchione, Carol Edwards, Lauren Helfgott, Melissa Johnson, Sica Von Plato, Rachel Pitts (Youth) & Melanie Vicker

9:00 am Gr. K & 1

Pick up at 10:10 am in Room 103

MS. SUZANNE MECOUCH

Lead for 9:00 am Gr. K & 1

"I've worked with the Children's Spiritual Growth team for about 10 years. I learn so much about faith from the children each week as we wonder about Jesus together! I wonder what I'll learn this year!"

Home: Kennett Square

Fun Fact: I have been a member of Westminster for 25 years.



MS. SUSAN CALDWELL

9:00 am Gr. K & 1

"Looking forward to helping out with the K-1 kiddos. About 40 years ago when my boys were that age I started teaching Sunday School at the old church."

Home: Retirement community called Jenner's Pond that is in West Grove

Fun Fact: When I was a little girl I sang in our church (another Westminster church in Delaware) choir and my father was the children's choir director and my mom was the organist.



MS. JEANNIE MICHELS

9:00 am Gr. K & 1

"I taught Sunday School at my former church Media Presbyterian Church for 11 years. I am looking forward to another year of growing in my faith through teaching but mostly by listening to the children!"

Home: Glen Mills

Fun Fact: I am a retired speech therapist and I worked with children for more than 30 years.



MS. KAITLIN HARRIS-YOUNG

9:00 am Gr. K & 1

"I'm thrilled to be growing with k/1 again!"

Home: King of Prussia

Fun Fact: I am a high school teacher during the school year!



Additional Helpers You May See in the Classroom from Time-to-Time: Maria Cornacchione, Harriet Hepperd, Jennifer Miller & Sica Von Plato

9:00 am Gr. 2 & 3

Pick up at 10:10 am in Room 405

MS. KATHY SMEDLEY

Lead for 9:00 am Gr. 2 & 3

"I'm so ready to see my 2nd and 3rd graders' smiling faces again, I've missed them! We have much growing in grace and gratitude to do this year."

Home: West Chester

Fun Fact: I feel best when I'm making a mess: cooking, gardening, painting, cleaning out spaces, creating Bible Drama props; I guess that means I'm creative?



MS. JACKIE STEINMETZ

9:00 am Grade 2 & 3

"One hundred years from now, it will not matter: What kind of car I drove, What kind of house I lived in, How much money I had in the bank, Not what my clothes looked like; But the world may be a little better, Because I was important in the life of a child."

Home: West Chester

Fun Fact: I have an angel collection, love to read, and I have five grandchildren (a girl and four boys) who I adore!



MS. MIRIAM KIM

9:00 am Gr. 2 & 3

"I feel especially blessed and grateful to be a part of this wonderful Sunday school team, and I am eager and excited to see how God will work wonders through each and every one of our children this year!!"

Home: West Chester

Fun Fact: I enjoy collecting Christmas ornaments on my travels.



Additional Helpers You May See in the Classroom from Time-to-Time: Amy Hannigan, Heather Hyde, Jackson Hyde, Maria Garrett, Sica Von Plato, Amanda & Joey Lawn

9:00 am Gr. 4 & 5

Pick up at 10:10 am in Room 406

MS. DIANE DESIENO-LANE

Co-Lead 9:00 am Gr. 4 & 5

"I find the most spiritual time for me on Sunday mornings is the time I spend with the children. They grow me spiritually every year!"

Home: West Chester

Fun Fact: I have 3 dogs and 3 cats.



MS. JANE WENDEL

Co-Lead 9:00 am Gr. 4 & 5

"I'm so looking forward to being with our 4th and 5th graders again. I really love our time together."

Home: West Chester

Fun Fact: Two of my favorite things about Westminster is working with our children and worshipping at the contemporary worship service.



Additional Helpers You May See in the Classroom from Time-to-Time: Nat Cooper, Linda Davis, Heather Hyde, Jackson Hyde, Amanda & Joey Lawn

10:30 am Young Children & Worship

Pick up at 11:40 am in the Chapel

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Director of Children & Family Ministries
Lead for 10:30 am Young Children & Worship

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MS. EMILY CHUDY

10:30 am Young Children & Worship

"I'm very excited to share the wonder of YCW with our kids again this year. It's only my 2nd year at Westminster, so please introduce yourself so I can get to know your family better."

Home: Berwyn

Fun Fact: I'm an ordained PCUSA minister, serving one of our denomination's national agencies--The Board of Pensions--which is the last place someone with a Christian Education degree expects the Holy Spirit will send her.



MS. RACHEL FROST

10:30 am Young Children & Worship

Home: West Chester

Fun Fact: I use to run hurtles.



Not to Mention our amazing substitutes who are willing to jump in a pinch wherever we need them!

Mary Jane Anders, Becky Caldwell, Nancy Christy, Katie Cloutman, Ronnie Carrone, Kristi Fitzgerald, Cindy Knisley, Jen Miller, Cacilia Rollet, & Karen Woodeshick Orkin

Date	Theme	Season	Scripture	WeeConnect & YCW	KidsConnect
Sept. 7	God Provides Blessing	Pentecost 13	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Communion	Communion
Sept. 14	God Provides Blessing	Pentecost 14	Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14	Intro: Talking & Listening to God	Abraham & Isaac
Sept. 21	God Provides Blessing	Pentecost 15	Genesis 27:1-4; 15-23; 28:10-17	How the Church Measures Time	Jacob Steals Blessing
Sept. 28	God Provides Blessing	Pentecost 16	Ex. 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17	Jesus' Last Passover	The Burning Bush
Oct. 5	God Provides Blessing	Pentecost 17	Ex.16:1-18	Communion	Communion
Oct. 12	Called by God	Pentecost 18	1 Sam. 3:1-21	The Story of Samuel	God Calls Samuel
Oct. 19	Called by God	Pentecost 19	1 Sam.16:1-13; Ps.51:10-14	The Story of David	God Chooses David
Oct. 26	Called by God	Pentecost 20	1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13	The Temple, A House for God	Solomon's Temple
Nov. 2	Called by God	All Saints'	1 Kings 19:1-18	Communion	Communion
Nov. 9	Promises of Hope	Pentecost 22	Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24	TBD	Let Justice Roll Down
Nov. 16	Promises of Hope	Pentecost 23	Isaiah 9:1-7	The Prophet Isaiah	Light in the Darkness
Nov. 23	Promises of Hope	Christ the King	Jer. 29:1, 4-14	The Story of Jeremiah	Hope for the Future
Nov. 30	God's Presence Brings Life	Advent 1	Dan. 3:1 [2-7] 8-30	Advent 1	The Fiery Furnace
Dec. 7	God's Presence Brings Life	Advent 2	Ezek. 37:1-14	Communion	Communion
Dec. 14	God's Presence Brings Life	Advent 3	Isaiah 55:1-13	Advent 2 & 3	Seek the Lord
Dec. 21	God's Presence Brings Life	Advent 4	John 1:1-18	Advent 4	Word Became Flesh
Dec. 28		Christmas 1		NA	NA
Jan. 4	Encounter the Messiah	Christmas 2	John 1:19-51	Communion	Communion
Jan. 11	Encounter the Messiah	Epiphany 1	John 2:1-11	Jesus' First Miracle	The Wedding at Cana
Jan. 18	Encounter the Messiah	Epiphany 2	John 2:13-25	The Temple, A House for God	Cleansing the Temple
Jan. 25	Invitation to Abundant Life	Epiphany 3	John 3:1-21	Most Important Commandment	Nic. Visits Jesus
Feb. 1	Invitation to Abundant Life	Epiphany 4	John 4:1-42	Communion	Communion
Feb. 8	Invitation to Abundant Life	Epiphany 5	John 4:46-54 [5:1-18]	Jesus Heals a Boy	Healing Miracles
Feb. 15	Invitation to Abundant Life	Transfiguration	John 9:1-41	Jesus & Bartimaeus	Spiritual Blindness
Feb. 22	Following Jesus	Lent 1	John 11:1-44	Jesus Makes Lazarus Alive Again	Jesus Raises Lazarus
Mar. 1	Following Jesus	Lent 2	John 13:1-17	Communion	Communion
Mar. 8	Following Jesus	Lent 3	John 18:12-27	Too Afraid to Follow Jesus	Peter Denies Jesus
Mar. 15	God's Kingdom Revealed	Lent 4	John 18:28-40	The Faces of Easter	Jesus before Pilate
Mar. 22	God's Kingdom Revealed	Lent 5	John 19:1-16a	The Faces of Easter	Jesus is Sentenced
Mar. 29	God's Kingdom Revealed	Palm Sunday	John 19:16b-22 [12:12-27]	The Faces of Easter	Different Kind of King
Apr. 5	Good News Spread	Easter	John 20:1-10	Communion	Communion
Apr. 12	Good News Spread	Easter 2	John 20:1-18; John 20:19-31	Jesus is Risen - Appears to Mary Magdalene	Jesus is Risen!
Apr. 19	Good News Spread	Easter 3	Acts 9:1-19a	Saul Changes	Saul's Conversion
Apr. 26	Good News Spread	Easter 4	Acts 16:16-34	Paul & Silas in Prison	Paul & Silas in Prison
May. 3	Living in Hope	Easter 5	Acts 17:16-31	Communion	Communion
May. 10	Living in Hope	Easter 6	Phil. 1:1-18a	Paul's Travels & Letters	The Church in Philippi
May. 17	Living in Hope	Easter 7	Phil. 2:1-13	Knowing Jesus in a New Way	Living Like Jesus
May. 24	Living in Hope	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21; Phil. 4:4-7	Pentecost	The Holy Spirit



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