

Taste and See How Good Our God Can Be  
Vacation Bible School  
At Bellevue Heights United Methodist Church

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings,  
August 11, 12, 13 from 5:30 – 8:00 pm



Dear Parents and Families,

Here is information about and registration forms for Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Bellevue Heights United Methodist Church this summer. Our VBS follows the tradition and format from previous years:

We study three Bible stories related to our theme. This year we are focusing on miracles in the Bible that feature food as a way God provided for His people. These stories, two from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, share one powerful message – God Cares!

1. God rained down manna from heaven to feed the Israelites wandering in the desert (Exodus 16)
2. Elijah commanded a widow to cook him her last loaf of bread. He promised her the bowl of flour and the jar of oil would not stop producing – and they did not. (I Kings 17)
3. Jesus fed 5000 people with only two fish and five small loaves of bread. (Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30 – 44, Luke 9: 10-17, John 6: 1-14)

Children are in small multi-age groups with one or two adult leaders and an older youth helper. You can choose to have your child(ren) in groups with each other even if they are of different ages. The children stay in their groups and the leaders stay with them throughout the evening.

We begin at 5:30 with a family-style meal in our small groups. There is a short opening when we learn songs, review a little, and get directions for the rest of the evening. Then groups rotate through activities (arts and crafts, Bible stories and storytelling, games and a special food science activity) taught by even more adults. Children will also apply the Bible lessons to real life by creating cooking kits for Restart, a program of the Syracuse City United Methodist Churches that helps people with few resources settle into new homes.

At 7:50 we all gather for a short closing, and then dismiss promptly at 8:00. We dismiss children to parents and families from the fellowship hall at the lower level. We do not have children go through or wait in the parking lot. It's just safer for everyone that way.

There is no fee for VBS. It is our gift to the community. The VBS is for children who are 4-14. Children 15 and older are welcome to come and help as volunteers under the direction of watchful adults. We have plenty of room for all. Our VBS follows a rich tradition at Bellevue Heights of making Bible stories come to life through great activities and wonderful, warm interactions with caring and talented adults.

We hope you will consider VBS for your child(ren). Please complete the registration form – you only need one per family – and return to the church by mail or give it to a church member who will make sure we get it. If you have any questions, give me a call. And if you need additional forms, please call the church at 315-475-0011.

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