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Are You Ready To Walk On Water?

During September and October we will embark on a spiritual journey as we walk through a sermon series based on John Ortberg's book "*If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat.*"

The premise of the book is summed up in this quote: *Jesus promised those who would follow him only three things . . . that they would be absurdly happy, entirely fearless, and always in trouble.* Gregg Levoy

Here is the preaching Schedule for September – November 3rd. Following each sermon there will be an opportunity to gather in small groups and discuss more in depth the material we covered in the sermon the previous Sunday. The small groups will meet six times over the eight week sermon series. They will meet in homes or at church, and they will last for one hour.

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Haiti Trip Is on For 2013

November 16th-November 23rd our parish nurse, Sherry Scholljegerdes, will be returning to Haiti to do cervical cancer screenings and treatment.

If you would like to donate for her trip, please make the check out to Faith UMC (Parish Nurse-Haiti Trip). Last year it cost \$1,500. Thanks again for your generosity.

Note: Katelyn Madigan will also be going as a dental assistant, but I am not sure what her financial needs are.

Faith Crafters and Stitchers



Faith Crafters and Stitchers will meet on Friday, August 9th, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to bring their craft and sewing projects and join in a morning of work and fellowship. If you have questions, feel free to call **Sandy Voshell** at 835-4122. See you on the 9th.



Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed time and money to the Church gardens this year.

Sincerely,

Clair and Sandy Voshell

Wanted:



Men and women to assist our children in their journey of learning about Jesus. It requires a **little time and lots of rewards**. Please consider being a **Sunday school teacher**. It isn't difficult and has such a powerful impact on our children.

Grade levels **3rd grade thru 6th grade.**

Sunday School

Please call **Linda Lohse (835-1917)** if you are called to this ministry or have any questions.

Inspirational Quote of the Month:

“Here's what you need to keep in mind. You no longer have yesterday. You do not yet have tomorrow. You have only today. This is the day the Lord has made. Live in it.”

— Max Lucado



Nursery News

Thank You for Keeping the Nursery

Mama left me in the church nursery.
 She said, "You can stay here and play."
 I was very afraid, but you comforted me,
 And Mama found Christ that day.
 At least once a month in the nursery,
 You served God by caring for me
 So Mama could attend church and learn to make
 Our home everything it should be.
 There were those who said, "I'm too busy,"
 Or, "I don't want to miss church today;
 I'm too young; I'm too old; I've done my part –
 The nursery? Please, don't ask me to stay."



~Lois Turley

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Update from the Nursery Committee



Nursery News

After receiving approval from our Church Council to convert the Upper Room into our new nursery, the Nursery Committee has swung into high gear! The official date for opening a fully-developed nursery is Rally Sunday, September 8, 2013. However, the Volunteer Recruitment and Training team has set an earlier goal for opening the nursery with volunteer staff.

We began to welcome children to the temporary location (Hansel and Gretel Room) on July 14th. We realize that we won't have everything quite ready, but will have the space and staff to care for the little ones while their parents attend worship services.

First aid training will be given to our volunteers and we hope to train five-seven people from our congregation in CPR, first aid, shaken baby, and AED (for adults) . It will be via an American Red Cross course through our local community education program. At least one trained person will be available each Sunday to assist in an emergency.

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Nursery Committee Continued

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As a temporary step to meet our goal, Vada Dahnert will be calling congregation members to serve as nursery attendants. We hope to have one attendant and one helper ready to care for our children (ages newborn through age 4). Special training is NOT required for those first few weeks. You may call Vada (833-5477), Linda (835-1917) or the Church Office (835-3167) to volunteer. We have **eight Sundays to fill before Rally Sunday...** please help us get off to a flying start by volunteering for nursery duty NOW! Thank you for serving and loving the little children.

Walk on Water Schedule

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September

9/15 Sermon # 1 On Water Walking
 9/16-9/21 Session 1 What Is Water Walking?
 9/22 Sermon #2 Boat Potatoes
 9/23-9/28 Session 2 The Tragedy of The Unopened Gift
 9/29 Sermon # 3 Discerning The Call
 9/30- 10/5 Session 3 Find Your Calling And Get Your Feet Wet

October

10/6 Sermon #4 Walking on The Water
No Small Groups This Week
 10/13 Sermon #5 In The Storm
 10/14 -10/19 Session 4 Facing Our Challenges, Conquering Our Fears
 10/20 Sermon # 6 Focusing on Jesus
 10/21- 10/26 Session 5 Good News For Cave Dwellers
 10/27 Sermon # 7 Learning to Wait
 10/28- 11/2 Session 6 Learning To Wait On Our Great God

November

11/03 Sermon # 8 How Big is Your God?

Watch for a list of small group leaders and locations that we will announce in August and sign up for the one that best fits your schedule.

Our sincere desire is that you take this opportunity to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus and to discern where the Holy Spirit is calling you to "Get out of the Boat".

Your HCI Discipleship Team:

Pastor Victor

Jim and Edy Barber

Berts and Roger Walker

"Our sincere desire is that you take this opportunity to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus..."

SIGHT & HEARING ASSOCIATION RELEASES ANNUAL NOISY TOYS LIST

contributed by Sherry Scholljegerdes



12 of 20 toys tested increase the risk of hearing loss in less than 15 minutes.

St. Paul, MN – Don't leave cookies and milk out for Santa this holiday season – leave earplugs instead because chances are he will be coming down the chimney with a sack full of noisy toys. The Sight & Hearing Association (SHA) has released their 15th Annual Noisy Toys List and they report that toy manufacturers are still producing dangerously loud toys. Of 20 toys tested this year, 12 sounded off above 100 decibels (dB), which can damage hearing in less than 15 minutes.

Walking through the toy aisles at various stores, SHA selects toys that appear to be too loud for consumers. Once brought back to their office, a hand-held sound level meter is used to measure the sound. Measurements are taken with the sound level meter placed directly on the speaker and 10 inches from the speaker. This, year, Mattel's Talking Figure, Buzz Lightyear was the leader among a dozen toys that literally went from infinity and beyond when it came to producing sound, blasting out at 111 dB.

According to the National Institute of Occupational Health and Safety, exposure to decibel levels at a close distance would cause

hearing damage almost immediately. Exposure to noise levels above 85 dB for no more than eight hours is the federal threshold for hearing protection. SHA reminds consumers that hearing loss is cumulative and it typically does not happen from one event, but it gradually happens over time and that is why it is important to protect hearing at a young age.

Toys are required to meet the acoustic standard set by the American Society of Testing and Materials, which states that the sound-pressure level produced by toys shall not exceed 85 dB at 50 cm from the surface of the toy. "The problem with this standard is 50 cm is longer than the average arm length of an adult. We test toys based on how a child would play with them, not how an adult would play with them. If you watch a child playing with a noise-producing toy, you will see them hold it close to their ears or within their arms length, which is closer to 10 inches (25 cm)", explains Kathy Webb, Executive Director of SHA.

Parents can do a few things to make it a little quieter this holiday season. SHA recommends testing the toy before you buy it. Webb suggests you, "push buttons and rattle toys as you walk through the toy aisle and, if a toy is too loud for you, it will be too loud for your child.

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Look for toys that have volume controls and if you must buy a noisy toy, or your child receives a noisy toy as a gift, place clear packing tape over the speaker, it will reduce the sound level enough to make the toy ear-safe." The University of Minnesota/Department of Otolaryngology confirmed in a study released in August 2012 that covering noise-producing toys with tape or glue will significantly reduce the noise level of a

toy, making it safer for children.

Founded in 1939, Minnesota-based Sight & Hearing Association is dedicated to enabling lifetime learning by identifying preventable loss of vision and hearing. If consumers have a noisy toy to report, they can contact SHA at:

kwebb@sightandhearing.org

Sight & Hearing Association's Noisy Toys List 2012

Toy	Manufacturer	Age Group	Type of Toy	dB(A) 0 inches	dB(A) 10 inches
Disney Pixar Toy Story Talking Figure Buzz Lightyear*	Mattel, Inc.	3+	hand-held	111	81.6
Nickleodeon Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Leonardo's Electronic Sword*	Playmates Toys	4+	hand-held	109.2	81.6
Dora the Explorer/Dora's Desert Friends	Publications Int'l., Ltd.	18+ mo.	hand-held	108.2	80.4
Barbie Little Learner Laptop	Oregon Scientific	3+	lap or table	108	83.8
Playskool/123 Sesame Street Let's Rock Grover Microphone	Hasbro	18 m - 4 y	hand-held	107.3	79.3
B. Woofer (Guitar)	Mason Joseph Battat, Ltd.	2 - 6 yrs.	hand-held	106.5	80.4
Matchbox/Power Shift Fire Truck	Mattel, Inc.	3+	floor	105.7	83
Playskool/Rock-tivity Jump n' Jam Guitar	Hasbro	9+ mo.	hand-held	105.1	77.4
Fisher-Price/Disney Pixar Cars Shake 'n Go! El Materdor	Mattel, Inc	3 - 7 yrs.	hand-held or floor	105	80.9
Twister Dance*	Hasbro	8+	floor	104.6	77.7
Littlest Pet Shop/Sing-a-Song Pup	Hasbro	4+	hand-held	103.8	73.1
Marvel Avengers Iron Man Mission Mask	Hasbro	6+	wear on face	101.7	76
Fisher-Price/Disney Baby Rockin' Tunes Dumbo	Mattel, Inc.	6 - 36 mo.	hand-held	95.7	72.1
Alphabet Airlines	Leap Frog	9+ mo.	floor	94.6	69.9
Playskool/Lullaby Gloworm*	Hasbro	Birth+	hand-held	89.9	76.3
The Sing-a-ma-jigs!*	Fisher-Price, Inc.	3+	hand-held	89.6	75.6
Playskool/123 Sesame Street Elmo's Cell Phone*	Hasbro	18 m - 4 y	hand-held	88.5	69.3
PBS Kids/Dinosaur Train InterAction Tiny Pteranodon*	Learning Curve Brands, Inc.	3+	hand-held	87.6	66.2
Baby's First Sing & Learn	The Goldberger Co., LLC	Birth +	hand-held	86.3	67.8
Figit Friends Newbies*	Mattel, Inc.	6+	hand-held	86.3	68.7

Decibel (dB) level measurements taken with a hand-held digital sound level meter (Digital Instruments, model SL-814), calibrated to manufacturer's specifications, A-weighted scale, set at a slow response time to capture the average sound level. 0 inches equals the child's ear to the toy. 10 inches equals a child's arm length away from the toy.

**Internet reviewed as popular/recommended/top rated/top selling toys for 2012.*



Sight & Hearing Association – 1246 University Avenue W., Ste. 226, St. Paul, MN 55104 – 1/800-992-0424, x11 – kwebb@sightandhearing.org

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NOISE THERMOMETER



140 DECIBELS

Immediate danger to hearing
Gunshot, Jet engine at take-off

120 DECIBELS

Risk of hearing damage in 7.5 minutes
Rock concert, Sandblasting



110 DECIBELS

Risk of hearing damage in 30 minutes
Snowmobile from driver's seat



100 DECIBELS

Risk of hearing damage in 2 hours
Chain saw, Stereo headphones

90 DECIBELS

Risk of hearing damage in 8 hours
Lawn mower, Truck traffic



125 DECIBELS

Pain threshold
Air raid siren, Firecracker



115 DECIBELS

Risk of hearing damage in 15 minutes
Baby's cry, Stadium football game



105 DECIBELS

Risk of hearing damage in 1 hour
Jackhammer, Helicopter



95 DECIBELS

Risk of hearing damage in 4 hours
Motorcycle, Power Saw



85 DECIBELS

Beginning of OSHA regulations

30 DECIBELS

Faint sound
Whisper





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Please Attend!



Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle will **not meet** in August.

Men's Club

Men's Club will meet on **Thursday, August 8th**, at **6:30 p.m.** The location is yet to be determined.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will meet on Wednesday, August 21st, at 9:30 a.m. The location is yet to be determined.

United Methodist Women's Unit

Meeting

Our unit meeting will be held on Aug. 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin with a light meal followed by a short program and business meeting.

Mary Circle

UMW Mary Circle will **not meet** in August. The **next meeting** shall be **September 17th** at **Deloris Asmus' home** at **1:00 p.m.**

Dolores Dahnert will provide the program.

