

## 5 PARABLES OF JESUS WILL BE 'CHILD'S PLAY' AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children attending Vacation Bible School at Christ First United Methodist Church in Jamestown will learn 5 beloved parables of Jesus through a number of creative learning activities.

The 5-day course was developed by two local educators, and is designed to engage children in several different types of learning and play versus readings and lectures.

Danica Olson is a grades PK-12 music teacher who also runs the Children's Music Studio in Jamestown, in addition to being a Sunday school teacher, and directing children's choirs.

Kenzie Mason is an early childhood, elementary general, and special education teacher in the Bemus Point School District. She's also the church's Program Director and co-director of the Children's Choir.

"We teach children throughout the school year, so we know how to engage them so they want to learn more, and remember what they're learning," Olson said.

During the classes, children will see and hear presentations; make crafts; read stories; share thoughts and feelings; watch videos; sing songs with musical accompaniment; play games; and enjoy snacks.

The program is "The Parables of Jesus;" each day focuses on a different parable, including The Mustard Seed; The Lamp and the Bushel; The Lost Sheep; The Good Samaritan; and The House Built on Rock.

"We believe these 5 parables teach lessons that are especially important for laying the foundation of the Christian faith for children; plus, they're easy for children of different ages and stages of development to visualize and relate to," according to Mason.

The classes will be held Monday through Friday, August 7-11, from 9 am until 12 noon, and are for children ages 5-12; younger siblings may attend on a case-by-case basis.

During the last hour of the last class, families will be invited to attend an art show featuring the artwork and crafts their children have created, and hear them perform songs they've learned; refreshments will be provided.

To register, call the church office at 716-664-5803, or email [ksandbergmtny@gmail.com](mailto:ksandbergmtny@gmail.com) by Tuesday, August 1.

Christ First United Methodist Church is located at 663 Lakeview Ave., in Jamestown, and welcomes all children and families.