



THE PULSE

A Monthly Look Into Ministry at CPC

Ministry Moments

For the last several years, CPC has reserved The Magic House on the Sunday after Labor Day, marking the unofficial kickoff for the church's Sunday PM ministries. The event always draws hundreds of parents and kids for an evening of fun with the hands-on, creative learning and play experiences at St. Louis' renowned children's museum.

This year's event on Sept. 13 from 6:00-8:00pm continued the tradition, celebrating the start of a new season of Lifelines, KidsClub, CrossfirePM, and CRASH and KREW small groups the following Sunday, Sept. 20 at the church.

"CPC's Night at The Magic House is such a fun way to enjoy time together as a church family, but it is also a significant outreach opportunity, as many families invite friends and neighbors," said Children's Ministry Director Melissa Tarantino. "Everyone always has a great time."



Walking With Women Through Seasons of Motherhood

by Allie Vining, Women's Ministry Director

CPC's Women's Ministry includes three distinct ministries designed to meet moms where they are in different seasons of motherhood. While each one serves a different stage, they share the same goal: creating meaningful opportunities for moms to find community, encouragement, spiritual growth, and reminders of God's faithfulness in the midst of motherhood.

Moms Connected is designed for moms with children from birth through fifth grade, a season of motherhood which can be full and demanding. Moms Connected provides intentional opportunities for moms to grow in their faith, meeting three times in the fall and three in the spring. One gathering is a social event with the goal of spending time together and building friendships. Another centers around a podcast on a relevant topic, providing an opportunity to discuss and learn. The third is a dinner and discussion night where a mentor mom shares about an area of motherhood in which she has experienced God's faithfulness over the years. The ministry also offers Thursday morning playdates for moms with preschool-aged children and homeschool families, yet another opportunity for connection during the week.





CPC Up Close

Lynda Loyd

If you've walked through the doors of CPC for a worship service, or come to a women's or churchwide event, it's likely you've received a warm welcome from Lynda Loyd. While she was a part of the church staff for nearly a decade as co-coordinator of Women's Ministry, she has been a faithful multi-ministry volunteer for 30 years.

Lynda has taught children in Sunday School, helped with Vacation Bible School, worked with Crossfire (middle school ministry) and served on the greeting team, in addition to serving in Women's Ministry. "It was such a privilege to serve the women of CPC," she said. "I've retired now but still love being involved and volunteer as much as possible."

Lynda and her husband Tim, another super-volunteer and CPC deacon, are Kentucky natives and high school sweethearts who have two grown daughters, Lindsay and Libby. "We're so thankful God led us here all those years ago," Lynda added. "Now I just love giving lots of hugs and helping wherever there is a need."

Walking With Women...(cont.)

Moms in the Middle serves moms with children in middle and high school. This season can look very different from the early years of motherhood. Moms are often busy navigating their children's activities, schedules, friendships, academics, and growing independence. In the midst of that busyness, it can be easy for moms to become isolated or to find themselves spiritually hungry. Moms in the Middle is designed to create space for community and connection during this unique season. Throughout the year, the group gathers for social events that give moms an opportunity to step away from the demands of their schedules, connect with other women who understand this stage, and be encouraged in their faith and in their role as mothers.

Moms Launching is for those with college-aged children. This ministry recognizes that launching a child into adulthood brings its own unique joys, challenges and changes for moms. Moms Launching meets four times each fall to discuss different aspects of this transition, providing a place for moms to talk honestly about the experience, learn from one another, and consider what faithful motherhood looks like as their children move into adulthood.

Together, these three ministries reflect a desire to walk alongside women throughout the different seasons of motherhood. Each ministry provides a place for moms to find connection, encouragement and reminders that the Lord is faithful in each and every stage.

