

FAMILY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

There are many events and activities that are particularly appropriate for families with children and youth. Some occur during the Sunday worship services and others occur at other times. We strive to offer multigenerational church community activities throughout the year that are welcoming and inclusive of our children and youth.

Ingathering/Water Communion – this special worship service is held on the Sunday after Labor Day to welcome the start of a new church year. Congregants bring a small amount of water from a special source to pool together, which is then used for child dedications and watering the gardens.

Bread Communion – this ritual that celebrates our diverse heritages and traditions is held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Child Dedications — At child dedications, the UCE community welcomes children and expresses support for the child and family. Child dedications are performed once yearly, or by special arrangement with the minister(s).

Ornament Sunday — A beloved tradition! We make Christmas ornaments and decorations to trim the UCE Christmas tree -- and some to take home.

Carols, Cocoa, and Community — A festive evening on a Friday in December to sing carols, enjoy cookies and cocoa, and connect with others.

Christmas Eve —Candlelight services at 7pm with stories, carols, and reflections on the holiday season.

Fire Communion – this ritual is held on the first Sunday in January.

Easter — After the worship service, there is a “canned goods” and egg hunt outside (the donated canned goods are then donated to a local food pantry).

Youth Sunday – our awesome youth in youth group (grades 7-12) choose a topic that speaks to them and then plan and run this worship service on a Sunday in April.

Faith Formation Sunday — At a May worship service, we celebrate the religious growth and learning of our children and recognize the work of our volunteers.

Flower Ceremony and Church Picnic — After the service on the first or second Sunday in June we celebrate with a flower ceremony and a picnic on the South lawn.