

FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM

Our Family Ministry Team is a group of parents who work with our Director of Lifespan Faith Formation to create meaningful and fun events throughout the year. If you have some ideas for future events, then this is the group for you! Some of the events things we have done in the past are:

- **Family Friday** – a monthly gathering for families of all ages.
- **Board Game Nights** – Fun for all ages. Bring a favorite board game and a snack to share (or just bring yourself).
- **Sledding/Ice Skating** – weather permitting, of course!
- **Geocaching** – search for natural treasures using GPS.
- **Nature Walks** – in any season of the year.
- **Summer Concerts** – we meet at local parks for free outdoor entertainment.
- **Stepping Stones** – for our playscape area.
- **Beach Day** – gather at a local beach for some fun in the sun.
- **Social Action for Children and Families**
 - Social action is integrated into our program, and there are many opportunities for children, youth, and their families to participate, such as:
 - **Our Giving House** — We participate in collecting items needed by a local homeless shelter and food pantry.
 - **Green Sanctuary** — In cooperation with the Green Sanctuary Committee, we educate each other about environmental issues and encourage the use of sustainable resources at home, in church, and in the community.
 - **Bike the Ridge** — UCE hosts a stop on this annual ride for young bicyclists to decorate their bikes and grab a snack.
 - **Soup Kitchen** — Several times a year we host an Evanston Soup Kitchen. Adults and children prepare and serve a meal for those in our community who might otherwise be hungry.
 - **Connections for the Homeless Lunches** – we make sack lunches that are then handed out to those who need an afternoon meal.
 - **Stewardship** – we help in some way with the annual stewardship program, and hold up what we value at UCE.