

VBS SUMMER 2018

Solon United Methodist Church (SUMC) teamed up with Saint Mary's Catholic Church for their annual Vacation Bible School. This year, the theme was "Shipwrecked", and the kids learned a variety of things about how even when life gets stormy, God rescues.

Each day went something like this: The students first got in their groups, with two crew leaders and four or five other campers. They then went to an opening session as a large group to receive information on what they would be learning that day, including songs and the daily message. From there, the students would split off into their individual groups and go to one of five stations: music, snacks and games, crafts, bible stories, and service projects. Each station was a 15 minute long session focusing on different tasks, and how they pertain to the lesson of the day.



For example on Wednesday in the service project station, kids had the opportunity to make Mary's Meals <https://www.marysmealsusa.org/>. Mary's Meals is a non-profit organization that focuses on providing meals to children in third world countries who may not be getting the education they need because of the malnutrition and poverty inflicted upon them. The kids learned about how Jesus can rescue in many different ways, and by providing these meals, they are also providing hope to the young children who are less fortunate than themselves.



To expend some energy and have fun learning, there was also the Games station. This year's Vacation Bible School was an astounding success! SUMC children deepened their concepts of faith, as well as connected spiritually with their catholic peers, to whom they may not have been involved with previously. by Jeannie Jedlicka

The combined Vacation Bible School Numbers for 2018 were: 190 Kindergarten through 6th graders, 80 teen volunteers and 30 adult volunteers!

A huge Thank You to St Mary's for hosting VBS this year and partnering with us. We appreciate everyone who put in countless hours decorating, preparing, teaching and helping. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to make this a memorable week for our children!

