

BIRTH TO LAUNCH TIMELINE

BABY I BELONG

- Learning that they are safe in our space as they journey through object permanence and the stranger danger phase.
- Learning, through baptism and their family and church family, that they belong as they are.
- Practicing Hospitality begins at the core. From the very first visit to our church- whether as a baby or an older student- learning that they belong simply as they are.

2K I CAN LEARN AND LEAD THROUGH SONG

- Learning foundational biblical teachings through the rhythmic and poetic nature of songs.
- Leading the church in worship by singing.

4K I CAN PRAY AND GET TO KNOW GOD

- Learning the Lord's Prayer and the many other prayers for young kids.
- Learning to open the lines of communication with our God whom they might not always see.

KINDERGARTEN I CAN WORSHIP WITH MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Learning tools and tips to worship in the Sanctuary and the Loft with my family and the people in the pew around me.
- Learning new leadership roles to serve in worship like processing with elements, reciting scriptures, and reading prayers.
- Learning simple ways of how it means to be in community with all within our church- including the scope of intergenerational ministry, including their peers, those younger and those older.

1ST GRADE I CAN SERVE AT THE TABLE

- Learning the elements at the Communion Table and how they apply in my life.
- Learning how to serve at the Communion Table in worship.
- Learning about the inclusivity of the United Methodist Table.

2ND GRADE I CAN SERVE IN MY COMMUNITY

- Learning about ministry partners and participating in different opportunities throughout the year to serve with our church.
- Learning about avenues that kids can serve in our community that are not necessarily tied to our church.
- Learning the Biblical foundations for serving alongside others in the world through the Micah 6:8 verse.

3RD GRADE I CAN READ MY BIBLE AND ASK TOUGH QUESTIONS

- Learning about this book of stories, letters, poems, songs, laws, history, etc and how we all interpret the text differently.
- Learning safe avenues to ask tough questions and wondering about passages together.

4TH GRADE I CAN CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

- Learning about the bigger picture of the overall Church and how our First Church family fits into the picture.
- Honoring those in our community from different cultures, backgrounds, family systems and honoring other faith practices in our community.

5TH GRADE I CAN JOURNEY INTO AN AUTHENTIC FAITH

- Preparing to launch into Student Ministry and more leadership roles within First Church.
- Preparing for Confirmation within the UMC.
- Learning about UMC in a way that prepares for Confirmation next steps.