

***LIGHT A CANDLE
FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH***

The needs of the world's children and youth and those around us should be a priority for us as Christians. As individuals, groups and communities of faith, the future of all children and youth should be a guide for our worship and activities.

During the month of October, we will join with other Christians in a prayer vigil – ***LIGHT A CANDLE FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH*** - to express our faith and engage our church in praying for God's children and youth. See scripture for each week on the next page

On October 28th we will celebrate **THE CHILDREN & YOUTH SABBATH** in worship.

On your day each week, light a candle, read the week's scripture (on the back), spend quiet time in reflection on the words from the Bible and pray for the needs of children and youth – all of them and any individual God brings to your mind and heart.

Your day each week is _____

The Light a Candle Vigil for Children & Youth uses a different scripture each week as you meditate and pray.

Week of 10/1 – Matthew 18:1-5 Be a Vision of Greatness

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Week of 10/8 – Galatians 3:25-29 Be a Vision of Faith

But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Week of 10/15 - I John 3:18-23 Be a Vision of Truth & Action

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us.

Week of 10/22 – Jeremiah 29:11-14 Be a Vision that Seeks/Finds

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord.