



Meadowbrook Congregational Church

The Church Mouse

An E-Newsletter for Grades K-5

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Welcome to our first issue of **The Church Mouse**! This is a newsletter designed just for you — our church school students in grades K-5. It will help keep you connected to all of the fun and exciting things going on in Meadowbrook's church school.

The Church Mouse will be sent to your home email address the week before a new church school unit begins. Each issue will tell you about the upcoming unit and some of the activities we will be doing in the weeks ahead.

Look for puzzles, games and other fun stuff. There also will be information for parents, library book suggestions, internet resources, service project news and much more.

This is your newsletter, and we would like to hear from you. If you have something you would like to read in the newsletter, please let us know. You can email your requests to cfoster@mbccc.org.

We are looking forward to a fantastic church school year. Keep watching for **The Church Mouse**!

JUICE BOXES, SNACKS NEEDED



For the remainder of the month of September, we are collecting individually packaged snack items and juice boxes for Northville Civic Concern. If you would like to donate juice boxes or snacks, there is a bucket in Fellowship Hall. Popular snacks are Cheez-Its, goldfish crackers and Nutri-Grain bars.

Unit 1: JOSEPH

**So who was Joseph?
Learn his story on the
next page.**



Bible Verses:

“Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” **Genesis 50:20-21**

“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”
Romans 8:28

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”
Romans 12:21

EARN A SILLY BAND!

Tell Mrs. Foster the name of this newsletter and receive a special silly band. Quantities are limited, so start reading before she runs out!!!

Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors Genesis 37-50

Jacob had 12 sons; of all his sons, he loved Joseph the most. Joseph took care of the sheep with his brothers, and he was quite a tattletale! When Joseph was seventeen years old, Jacob gave him a special gift, a coat of many colors. It was not the usual sort of thing that shepherds wore and Joseph wore it everywhere. His brothers resented Joseph because of the special treatment he received.

One day, Jacob sent Joseph to check on his brothers who were tending the sheep. When Joseph arrived, his brothers pulled off his fancy coat and threw him into an empty pit. When a group of slave traders came by, the brothers pulled Joseph out of



the pit and sold him for twenty pieces of silver. They then killed a goat, dipped Joseph's fancy coat in its blood, and took it to their father. When Jacob saw the coat, he believed that Joseph had been killed by a wild animal.

The traders took Joseph to Egypt and sold him to an officer of the Pharaoh. Eventually, he landed in prison. During the time he spent in prison, Joseph came to be known as an interpreter of dreams. When the Pharaoh had a strange dream, Joseph was called to interpret it. Joseph told the Pharaoh that his dream meant there would be seven years of good harvests, then seven years of terrible famine. The Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of

a program to collect and store food during the seven good years. They realized there would then be enough food for the seven hard years. The plan worked and many people were saved. Joseph opened the storehouses during the famine and people came from all over to buy food.

Joseph's brothers were one of the many that came to buy grain. Although Joseph recognized his brothers immediately, they did not recognize him. Eventually, he reveals himself to them and forgives them. He tells them that God had a plan for him all along.

CHECK IT OUT!!

Check out these books in the church library to read more about Joseph.

Joseph and His Brothers by Maud and Miska Petersham. An oldie, but goodie.

The Bible Storybook by Georgie Adams. A large format collection of Bible stories with illustrations by Peter Utton. Great for beginning readers and little ones.

The Bible for Children from Good Books. Wonderful illustrations and text. For emerging and older readers.