



GRAMMY'S PLACE

New CHILDRENS Ministry coming to Hillside this fall!

Hello parents! We are very excited to tell you about a brand new, fast-paced and exciting childrens ministry that will launch this fall, starting in September and continuing through the end of May for all kids K-6th grade. It's called GRAMMY'S PLACE, because what child doesn't love to go to Grandma's house? If you are special anywhere, you can be sure that you are when you're at Grammy's Place! Each Sunday immediately following the opening praise & worship portion of our adult service, we will go together to Grammy's Place. The entire program revolves around two main themes: 1. REJOICE ALWAYS because we are made in the very image of God and we are special to Him! That should bring us great joy! 2. RELATIONSHIP MATTERS! God longs to have a vibrant relationship with us, but sin ruins that. Fortunately, Jesus fixed that for us, and all we have to do is ask Him to live in our heart and we can restore that relationship and live to the fullest!

Meet the GRAMMYS!

GRAMMY NANCY (left) is a Wisconsin certified music educator K-12.

GRAMMY KAREN (right) will be starting her 20th year of teaching 4th/5th grade.

BOTH of them love the LORD and happen to share a long friendship as well as two grandchildren of their own!

What your children will experience at Grammy's Place will include:

*singing new and energetic songs

*dancing to the music

*learning to play various instruments and of course, the hand bells!

*Grammy's Rockin' Prayer Chair (where one child/week will be highlighted and have the opportunity to voice specific prayer requests and concerns)

*A lesson from the Bible that is relevant to their life

*a monthly memory verse (with a cookie for reward! Mmm)

*Every 5th Sunday month a guest Grammy will visit to share a craft/lesson/activity with the children.

Moms and Dads are always welcome to sit in on Grammy's Place! In fact, you will probably want to from time to time! During the course of the year, we have one major activity planned each month and in addition, have rented one of the elementary school gymnasiums (I can't say which one until I receive absolute confirmation from the school) on the first Friday of each month from 6:00-7:30pm, beginning in October, for a fun night of parent/child games called BALLZzzz! Brian Groubert has agreed to head up the games for our first Friday night BALLZzzz, which should be c-r-a-z-y! Grammy Nancy will be talking to you other dads about taking a turn at BALZzzz. More to come on that.....

Our September **kick off event** is awesome! All moms/dads/grandparents and children are invited to the old-fashioned soda jerk, J. Lauber's Ice Cream Parlor in East Troy, where we will take a step back in time and enjoy a good ol' shake or malt of your choice. Then, it's "All Aboard!" the East Troy railroad, where we are renting our own private car and will travel to the end of the route in Mukwonago and back again. On our way, we have a special guest Grampy who has some wild tales to share with us on the ride to Mukwonago, and a different guest Grampy with more tales for the ride back! This is an event you will not want you or your children to miss!! [Coming in October.....Trunk-or-treat!]

You will be seeing a lot more of Grammy's Kidz in the services, too! We have songs to sing and play for you once a month, plus we will be performing two musicals; one in the fall and one in the spring! Our first musical, God Made You Special, is a light-hearted musical with a fabulous message featuring the ever-popular Veggie Tales characters. You will not want to miss this, so start inviting everyone you know! Performance is Nov. 18th to conclude our adult morning worship.

By grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not your own doing, its a gift; not a result of works!

We will participate in two food drives for the local food pantry. The children will be collecting Kraft Mac-n-cheese boxes to construct a MacHouse to be given in November to the food pantry. In the spring, we will do a Jenga-styled cereal stacker. The kids will also perform at the nursing home once a quarter.

-Eph. 2:8-9

An E-grammyGram will be sent out each month via email to keep you informed of all the events/memory verses/prayer requests/and general needs that we may have at Grammy's Place. When it comes time to help your child learn a "part" for one of the programs, this will be a useful tool to have around. It will keep you informed of all dates/times of the fun stuff going on!

OHhhh.....you just don't want to miss this! None of it! We are going to have so much fun, we can't hardly wait! Please, moms and dads, make sure your children make it to every single church service because they will not be happy with you if you make them miss, and neither will Grammy Nancy and Grammy Karen! We may have to sit you in the corner!