## Trinity United Methodist Church <a href="Children and Family Ministry Goals">Children and Family Ministry Goals</a>

## Equip and support children and families desiring to

- ♦ Meet and know Jesus
- ♦ Connect with God and others
- ♦ Change the world with Christ's love.

## **Desired Outcomes: Nursery through 5th grade Children**

<ul> <li>Be able to find, read, and recall stories in the Bible</li> <li>Make connections between scripture and daily life</li> <li>Be able to tell the story of Jesus' birth, recall parables and acts of healing, begin to understand the significance of Christ's Resurrection</li> <li>Identify what is "sacred" and what is "secular" in holidays, seasons and celebrations.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>★ Establish and develop loving relationships with non-related adults and children</li> <li>♦ Feel safe sharing comfortable and uncomfortable feelings and thoughts with others</li> <li>♦ Strengthen family relationships</li> <li>♦ Express care and concern for others.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Experience the joy of serving others and serving with others</li> <li>Find one's own way around the church building – inside and outside</li> <li>Recognize and identify (possibly small) ways to serve, speak, and act to show the love of Jesus</li> <li>Seek out numerous opportunities to serve our church and community.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Holiness</li> <li>◆ Experience God through stillness, worship, nature, breath, art, story, song, prayer, ritual and drama</li> <li>◆ Know that prayer is how we communicate with God</li> <li>◆ Practice and lead prayer</li> <li>◆ Recognize that some unexplainable feelings may be an experience of the Holy Spirit.</li> </ul>