Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am excited that Vacation Bible School at Severna Park United Methodist Church is only a month away!  I look forward to sharing Maker Fun Factory VBS with your children through story, crafts, games, snacks, and songs.  There is a lot of information of the VBS website and that information will be updated regularly.  Check back as VBS approaches and throughout VBS week.  Make sure to check out each page.  The web address is: <http://severnaparkumc.org/ministries/families/vbs/>. Select which week your child is enrolled.

Here are some details to help make VBS more enjoyable:

**Date & Time:**  VBS is Monday, July 10- Friday, July 14 (first week) or Monday, July 17-July 21 (second week) 1:00-4:00.

**Classes:** Class lists will be posted throughout the building as well as online at the VBS website. Week 1 lists are posted online and week 2 will be shortly. Please check to make sure your child is in the correct class.  Classes are multi age/grade for preschool-going into kindergarten and 1st-5th grade.  We tried our best to ensure your child would be in a class with his or her friends.  Each day please sign your child in and out of their class. On the first day, please check with the teacher to make sure we have your child’s allergies and pick-up information correct.

**Celebration Sunday:**  Our VBS program is on Sunday, July 16 at 9:30 for the first week of VBS and Sunday, July 23 at 11:00 for our second week of VBS.  We hope that you will join us that day to see and hear what your child has learned.  Each class will sing a song or two and share their work. On that Sunday, please drop your child off in their classroom area at 9:15 for the first week and 10:45 for the second week.

**Daily Details:** Information about snacks, color of the day (wear a shirt that color), Friday’s ice cream social, and more can be found on the VBS website.  If your child is allergic or intolerant to the snack we are serving, please feel free to bring your own peanut free snack. Snack details will be posted at least a week in advance.

**Volunteer:** There are several opportunities to help make VBS week great.  We need some help with decorations.  Children usually enjoy helping in this way. You can come to a decorating gather on a Monday or Wednesday beginning from 9:00-12:00. This years theme is Maker so another great way to participate is to build a robot and bring it as a decoration. You can make it as small as a tissue box or as large as fits in your car and our building. You can find details in the document portion of the website. Just email me and let me know how you can help.

**Donations:**  We are in need of water bottles with lids for a craft.  Please save these items and bring them to the church as you collect them!  Also check out the donation list on the document section of the website.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. See you in a month!

Thank You,

Erica Benjamin