

# FIRST EVER Messy Church!



Join us on **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** for our first ever Messy Church!

The fun **kicks off at 3:00pm** and finishes with a **shared family dinner**.



## WHAT IS MESSY CHURCH?

Messy Church is a new way of 'doing' Church for today's generation. It is an opportunity for the whole family to spend quality time together on a Sunday afternoon - chilling, creating, celebrating & chomping! Messy Church is meant to be relaxed and informal.



**Messy...**because it describes each one of us! No-one is perfect and each of us lead messy lives for many reasons.

**Messy...**implies doing messy activities! While there will be messy crafts, these are entirely optional and there will be plenty of things to do that don't involve getting dirty.

**Messy...**because our program, though based each time on a theme, is not watertight! There is room for spontaneity & flexibility as activity times will be 'rubbery'.

#### **WHAT HAPPENS AT MESSY CHURCH?**

Messy Church starts off outside with a wide range of fun (*and messy!*) activities including pumpkin carving or decorating, crafts and free play. We then head into the church for 'Together Time' where we learn about God through stories, songs, videos, puppets and drama. We finish back in Fellowship Hall with a meal together - *no need to feed hungry kids when you get home!*



A typical program will look like this:

**3:00pm = CHILL TIME** Registration & welcome activities

**3:15pm = CREATIVE TIME** Activity stations set up in the parking lot or in Fellowship Hall in case of inclement weather.

**4:15pm = CLEAN-UP TIME** A quick tidy up to get it ready for dinner

**4:20pm = TOGETHER TIME** Learning about God in the church

**4:30pm = TIME TO SHARE A MEAL**

#### **IS THERE A COST?**

It is a **FREE** event for all ages, however **donations are encouraged** to help cover cost of food/craft materials .



### **DO I NEED TO BOOK OR R.S.V.P.?**

You are more than welcome to just turn up on the afternoon

**Please note: all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult** who must stay throughout the whole event. You may choose to get involved with the craft activities with your child/ren or chat with other parents.

### **WHERE IS MESSY CHURCH HELD?**

Messy Church is held at St. Matthew's UMC. Located at 14900 Annapolis Rd. Bowie.