

## **Beneficent Church Christian Education Program**

**Purpose:** To support our church's community in knowing God, understanding the diversity of God's people, developing personal faith, and living a Christ-like life.

### **Sunday School Mission Statement**

Support and educate the children and youth of the church by expanding their knowledge of God, themselves, and life in an engaging and lasting way.

**GOD** - Children and youth will be taught, using various forms of creative learning, about God and the basics of the Christian faith using both the many forms of literature found in the Bible, and experiences of our Church community.

**SELF** - Children and youth will be taught self-worth through positive reinforcement, building self-esteem, building confidence, pride in themselves, and self-respect. Youth will be encouraged to examine and expand their world views.

**LIFE** - Children and youth will be taught values such as the acceptance of all people as children of God, respect, honesty, forgiveness, mercy, and equality. Children and youth will learn that values are to be lived out not only in daily life but also through actively working to transform the world in areas such as community service, anti-racist activism, and advocating for LGBTQ+ equality.

### **Adult Christian Education Mission Statement**

To create encouraging, enlightening, and loving safe spaces where adults can explore and grow in their knowledge of God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the history and literature of the Bible, and Christian beliefs and values. To explore contemporary topics of social justice, anti-racism, and other significant cultural issues.

Our goal is not only to equip participants with intellectual knowledge, but especially to develop a deeper faith-life and become ever more Christ-like in our lives. We seek to develop lasting relationships with fellow members of our learning community, and to reach out to non-members in our broader community.

We are on a journey and encourage all persons to attend and participate regardless of your current level of knowledge, beliefs, or where you find yourself on your personal faith journey.