

## **Upper Church School Report 2023**

The Church School year began in September 2022.

I teach the children ages 10 and up. We meet in the large classroom here in the new building.

Using curriculum written by Arlyn Kantz, we are going through the book of Acts. While learning about certain events and people, we are paying special attention to two themes:

1. Christ says at His ascension, “. . . you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” We are noting the locations of events in the Acts of the Apostles to see how this promise is being fulfilled.
2. Christ told his disciples that there is a cost to following Him as well as blessing. In every lesson we are watching for three of these: persecution, Church growth, and miracles.

The students are quick to pick up on these themes and they have no trouble filling in the chart on the white board where we are tracking the persecution, Church growth, and miracles.

The students have told me that they really enjoy the skits in some of the lessons.

Inspired by the lesson about St. Barnabas, the students are looking for ways parishioners are active in the life of the parish. Each week they choose a person to encourage and thank. They collectively write that person a note and deliver it to them.