The CSS committee met via zoom and brainstormed how to provide some Sunday School like program for our children and their families during the time we are not meeting at UMC in person. After doing some homework we reassembled and decided to use the Menno Media Shine Curriculum that includes a Bible story book, children's activity books, for each age level, and music. Amy Sattler recorded all the fall Bible lessons and they can be listened to on our UMC web site at Children's SS link. Each family received the materials, some supplies, a treat and a letter about the contents, all delivered by Pastor Kate.

In November we assembled the children's Advent lesson materials which were again graciously delivered by Pastor Kate. We plan to send a weekly email to families with enrichment ideas. This first week of advent for UMC kids' theme is peace.

In December the Children's Sunday School Committee is inviting UMC folks young and old to collect MCC School Kit contents this month. This a great family activity that promotes sharing and opportunities to talk about people worldwide who will be receiving the school kits.

We would appreciate feedback from families on the Shine materials and how you have used them in your homes.

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