

## S.A.M. I AM for Pre-schoolers

Children turning age four by 9/1/10 are invited to dive into **S.A.M. I AM** for an early childhood, artsy memory! A child's learning takes place all the time, as a natural part of living. Each child in this age group will enjoy an evening of singing, playing, painting, creating, and storytelling. Flexibility is key with this age group. Leaders will use different mediums, games and creative materials that will engage children lovingly and artistically. **Leader:** Joan Parker

For registration forms and more New Hope UMC information please go to: [www.newhopechicago.org](http://www.newhopechicago.org) and click on 'Children' link

### **New Hope UMC Chicago**

*We strive to express our faith through the inclusion of all spiritual sojourners in worship, study, and ministries of peace and justice.*

- Join us for worship on Sundays at 10:30 am
- Child Care for young children
- "Sunday's Cool" for Kindergarten-age and older
- New Hope Community Food Pantry Tuesdays from 9:30 -11:30 am
- Rally Day, *Blessing of the Backpacks* at 10:30 am worship. All students are welcome to bring their backpacks!

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**New Hope United Methodist Church**  
7115 Hood @ Nickerson



## **S.A.M. I AM**

### **Summer Arts Ministry**

Celebrating the arts and the God-given creativity in children

**Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:00 pm for Kick-Off Event**  
**Monday thru Thursday, August 9-12<sup>th</sup> Arts Ministry**  
**Dinner served nightly at 6:00 pm**  
**Art Arenas from 6:30 -8:00 pm**

### **WHERE?**

New Hope United Methodist Church, 7115 W. Hood (and Nickerson), Chicago is located 2 blocks north of Peterson, 2 blocks east of Harlem

### **WHO?**

Children 4 – 12 years of age (see details inside brochure)

### **WHEN?**

Sunday, August 8 is the **S.A.M. I AM Kick-Off** from 6-7:00pm for the whole family. **MYX** (Methodist Youth for Christ) will perform juggling, singing, dancing and acrobats. A brief overview of the week and refreshments will be shared. Then, Monday –Thursday, children will participate in a variety of arts beginning with dinner at 6:00pm. Each night concludes by 8:00pm. On Thursday a special celebration performance will begin at 7:45pm.

### **REGISTRATION:**

Complete a registration/medical form for each child. Suggested donation is \$10/per child. Scholarships are available. Preschoolers will explore the arts through a separate age-appropriate curriculum. Children kindergarten and older will be grouped with mixed ages.

### **ART ARENAS**

Following dinner a time of singing and moving together will begin each evening. Children will be divided into mixed age groups. Every child will experience each of 4 different art arenas during the week.

### **TIE DYING (Monday/Tuesday)**

Experiencing the arts through tie dying brings out the surprise in art. Interactive games will accompany this timeless art form. T-shirt size appreciated. Fun group games will 'tie up' loose ends at this arena!

**Leaders: Madeline Petersen and Sue Laurie**

### **CLAY CREATIONS (Monday/Tuesday)**

Experiencing the arts through wet clay and colorful paints allows for artsy things to happen...no batteries needed! Children will love this "hands-on" experience of shaping, sculpting and painting. Masterpieces or bust!

**Leaders: Staff from *If An Elephant Can Paint*, Edison Park**

### **DRAMA (Wednesday/Thursday)**

Experiencing the arts through drama and puppets brings stories to life and engages children in movement of body and mind. Children will hear a story, discuss a story and bring the story to life. Save the drama for your mama? No way! SAM I AM saves the day!

**Leaders:** Catherine I. Petersen, Director of Spiritual Christian Formation, First UMC Park Ridge and MYX Youth from Edison Park UMC

### **PASTELS AND SACRED CIRCLES (Wednesday/Thursday )**

Experiencing the arts through pastels is simply satisfying! Circle imagery will be explored and beautiful treasures will emerge. Children will create art and sacred circles using a chalk pastel technique. Going in circles with pastels is amazing!

**Instructor:** Karen J. Layer is a self trained artist living in Edison Park, IL. She completed commercial art training at Ray Vogue School of Design but has chosen to pursue the fine arts. Currently, Karen is teaching art classes to grade school children on a freelance basis. Her work can be viewed at her website: <http://karenlayer.webs.com>

S.A.M I AM is a messy, fun and hands-on experience for children. Please wear old clothes <u>not</u> your Sunday best! ☺
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