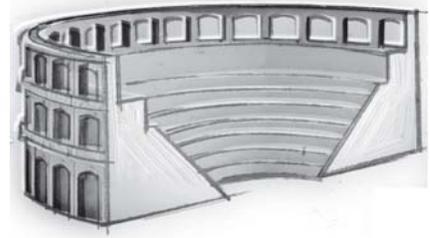


Dear VBS Families,

Once again, we are excited to announce our Winter VBS program at First UMC! We are very excited (that's "excited" in Italian) to host 5 Wednesdays in February and March, our Paul and the Underground

Church program **ROME VBS**. Families will get to step back in time

at Rome, exploring the life of the apostle Paul and the underground church. Kids **and** adults participate in a memorable Bible-times marketplace, hear impressive stories about Paul and the underground church, and play team-building games.



Here's what you need to know:

1. Dates are Wednesdays, **Feb 12 and 19, and March 4, 11 and 18**
2. A light, kid-friendly meal will be served each night for those who are participating in the VBS program. (Please mark on the registration form if your child(ren) and parents will be participating in the meals.)
3. Meals will begin at **5:30**; VBS program will begin promptly at **5:50 pm** and will end at **7:30**.
4. VBS is open to kids ages 4 years old through 6th grade.
5. 7th grade and older can participate as youth volunteers
6. **NEW THIS YEAR**—Parents are invited to stay and play with their child(ren) for the entire evening and learn right along with us at **ROME VBS**.
7. Please fill out the registration form ASAP as we will be capping our enrollment at 45. Enrollment will be first come, first served basis.
8. No fees will be charged for this VBS, but kindly do not commit your child to this program if he/she cannot attend. Spaces are very limited, so we want to make sure all spaces are filled and attended.

We can't wait for **ROME VBS** where we will discover together what it was like for the early Christians. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, and don't forget to turn in your registration form as soon as you can.

Sincerely,

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