

Puppet Ministry: H.I.S. Puppeteers: Report 2016

"I always thank God for you. I thank him because of the grace he has given to you who belong to Christ Jesus. You have been blessed in every way because of Him. All your teaching of the Truth is better. Your understanding of it is more complete." 1Corinthians 1:4-5

H.I.S. Puppeteers ministry was created and started by Julie Graham and Cindy Hoadley with memorial money given by Norry and Lee Augustin in honor of their son, Jay. Together they formed **H.I.S. Puppeteers (Hands-In-Spirit)** ministry. Since its inception in 2011, 29 puppeteers, trained by Julie and Cindy, have represented the Federated Church in over 20 performances, three Columbus Days parades, 2 mission trips (one each with the High School and Alumni), and 2 performances to local resident care facilities.

H.I.S. Puppeteers worked hard this year perfecting the skills of puppetry and performed the following songs and skits to share and spread the message of LOVE that Jesus continues to teach us. The puppeteers expanded their ministry this year by reaching out into the community visiting and performing for the residents of Meridian Garden and Prairie Village.

March & June: "Get On Board with the Lord" for Federated Church in May; and Vacation Bible School in June - set design, costumes and direction by Cindy Hoadley and Julie Graham

May: Julie Graham, director and Janae Graham, past puppeteer, were asked by Jordan Graham to do a puppet workshop for the Infant Childcare Center at Rapid City Hospital in Rapid City, SD, where he works. Julie and Janae gave puppet workshops for children 3 years through 2nd graders, and 3rd grade through 5th graders. The puppets also entertained the toddlers with songs and stories.

August: Columbus Days Parade with the Federated Church Float

October: Children's Sabbath for Federated Church: Skit, "LUNCH" written by Cindy Hoadley; directed by Cindy Hoadley and Katie Claus; set design by Cindy Hoadley. The song, "Praise Him" directed by Cindy Hoadley and Julie Graham

November: For the residents of Meridian Garden, the skit, "LOST" written and directed by Katie Claus; set design and props by Cindy Hoadley, Katie Claus and Elizabeth Sand. Songs, "I will follow Him", "Doxology", and "Praise Him" directed by Cindy Hoadley and Julie Graham; props by Cindy Hoadley.

December: For the residents of Prairie Village, the songs, "We Three Kings - Joyful Joyful Melody", directed by Cindy Hoadley and Julie Graham; and "A melody of Christmas Carols

Sing-A-Long”, directed by Katie Claus. Set design by Cindy Hoadley; and costumes by Cindy Hoadley and Katie Claus.

Puppeteers participating in the ministry this past year include:

Nolan Arps	Lucas Miller
Jayda Arps	Meera Lange
Enyssa Arps	Riley Gausman
Angel Garcia	Ethan Yang
Beatrice Garcia	Elliot Yang
Mark Garcia	Hunter Yang
Alex Garcia	Elizabeth Sand

H.I.S. Puppeteers directors include Cindy Hoadley, Katie Claus and Julie Graham. Our vision, time and talent are God given and prayer lead. The mission of the puppet ministry is to guide the young in an intergenerational ministry, sharing the Word of God in a fun, caring, supportive group. Because this is a volunteer ministry with volunteer directors, the Christian Education Committee has accepted the response to oversee this ministry for financial budget support for training, supplies, materials and other puppet needs. We graciously thank the congregation members who have given memorial and personal donation money to the puppet ministry.

We are in need of “intergenerational” puppeteers. The young puppeteers love having adults working and learning together beside them. If you, or if you know of anyone wishing to join the puppeteers, please contact Julie, Cindy, or Katie. Let the talents and minds of these young puppeteers inspire you! This is a great way to be an involved mentor - guiding and learning together. The puppeteers continue to meet on Wednesdays at 6:30.

“May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.”
1Corinthians 1:3

God Bless,
Julie Graham, Director
H.I.S. Puppeteers of Federated Church