

## **Vicki Poli, Biography, September, 2015**

It has been my joy and blessing to be a part of the children's ministry at Napa Methodist Church for over 10 years now. I started out volunteering as a conductor helping with the class. Now I find myself in charge of the program!

It is so fulfilling to be able to help our children discover the joy of the love of God and Jesus and to help them on their faith journey. I must confess that often I am the one who learns from them! The time we spend singing, crafting, praying and learning Bible stories brings us closer each day to being followers of Jesus. I want our children to know that God's love is there for them no matter what. I want them to know that faith put into action can change the world.

When I am not planning the next lesson or researching our next fantastic vacation bible school adventure, I am at work at the county of Napa in the Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk office. One of the best parts of that job is that I perform civil marriages and have met some wonderful couples from all over who come to Napa to get married. And then, in my spare time I volunteer and serve on the council for Job's Daughters, a non-profit service organization affiliated with the Masonic organization.

The rest of my free time is spent with my grandchildren and children. My grandchildren inspire me every day to be the best person I can be. There is nothing better in the entire world than a hug from one of them!

As you might be able to tell, being surrounded by children is what makes my life satisfying and whole. There is nothing better than to be surrounded by children laughing, smiling and learning about God's love and how each and every one of us is a beloved child of God.

"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." Matthew 19:14 – New Living Translation.