



Youth & Family News

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Upcoming Dates:

- 11/20 All Youth meet
11:30-3
- 11/24 Happy Thanksgiving!
- 11/27 FAMILY SUNDAY
Children's Bells play
in both services
- 12/2 Casual Fridays
Christmas Party 6:30
- 12/3 YaYA mtg 10-3
ALL YOUTH to Art-
craft Theatre 6pm
- 12/4 Advent Dinner & Pro-
gram 5:30pm
- 12/11 Church Christmas
Caroling & All Youth
Christmas Party
11:30-5
- 12/12 Noodles & Company
Benefit All Day
- 12/13 BCE Meeting/dinner
6:30 @ Margarita's
- 12/18 Children's choir &
bells participate in
10:30 service
All Youth meet
11:30-4
- 12/24 Christmas Eve
Family Service 5:30
- 12/25 Merry Christmas!
Service at 10:30
- 1/1 Happy New Year!
Service at 10:30

Music Schedule

11/27—Bells play in both services
12/4—Choir
12/11—Bells
12/18—both practice & play in
10:30 service

Both groups meet in the knack
room from 10-10:30 on Sunday
mornings. All children ages Pre-K
and up are invited to be a part of
the children's choir. Anyone in
Kindergarten and up are invited
to be a part of the bells. If you
have any questions about choir
please contact Denise Jacobson
or Bells contact Cheryl Carlson.

Nursery Schedule

November 27—Martha Minks
December 4—Joanne Hearrell
December 11—Luann Miner
December 18—Roxann Pattison
December 25—Martha Minks
January 1—Joanne Hearrell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- * Lauren Zotz
- * Dillon Romig
- * Kelsea Williams
- * Alana Madison

Jr Greeter Schedule

November 27
9:00-Justice Hall 10:30-Caleb Plummer
December 4
9:00-Sean Simpson 10:30-Kayla Kendall
December 11
9:00-Taylor Hearrell 10:30-Alexis Hearrell
December 18
9:00-Davia Sowder 10:30-Douglas Seals
December 25
10:30-Mac Pattison & Abby Plummer
January 1
10:30-Tommy Zotz & Adam Sorley

Acolyte Schedule

November 27
David Seals & Sam Beasley
December 4
Lauren Zotz & Mac Pattison
December 11
Adam Sorley & Gabe Beasley
December 18
Troy Sowder & Justice Hall
December 25
Alexis Hearrell & Alex Carlson
January 1
Caleb Plummer & Sean Simpson

Casual Fridays

We will have our Christmas Party on Friday the 2nd at the home of James & Kim Devine starting at 6:30 pm. Each person needs to bring a dessert and a gift for the exchange! There is a sign-up sheet on Jenny's bulletin board. PLEASE sign up with what dish you will be bringing.

Youth and Young Adult Board

Want to meet youth from other UCC Churches? Get involved with the Youth & Young Adult board! The next meeting in Saturday, December 3rd from 10-2 at the IKC office. They will be preparing for Winter Retreat which will be at Merom January 13-15th. Forms for the retreat can be found on Jenny's Bulletin Board and are due December 18th. This year's Winter Retreat's theme is bullying and will include Bible Study, group time & worship.

ALL CHURCH Christmas caroling

Everyone from 0-101 is invited to go Christmas Caroling to our home-bound members. This was such a good time last year and you won't want to miss it! So mark your calendars for Sunday, December 11th. We will meet in the fellowship hall after the second service for lunch and maybe practice a few songs before heading out. SIGN UP ON JENNY'S DOOR so that we can plan for lunch!



Can good results

On October 30th ALL youth groups joined together to trick-or-treat for can goods in the neighborhood surrounding the church. All of the food will be used to help restock our food pantry here at St. John's and will help the church reach it's goal of 1,111 cans for the MISSION 1 project! We collected over 230 items. Thanks to all the youth for helping to fill a need here in Perry Township!

Youth Party

This year all three youth groups (3rd-12th) will meet after the Christmas caroling (Sunday, December 11th) to have their party. We will have games, indoor snowball fight and our gift exchange. Please bring a gift under \$10 that could be for either a boy or a girl. Sign up on Jenny's bulletin board today!

Christmas Eve

Once again this year we will have a family Christmas Eve service at 5:30. Pastor Ross is looking for youth helpers with the service. Youth are needed for speaking and non-speaking roles. Any school aged child/youth can be involved. If you will be attending this service and would like to help please sign up on Jenny's bulletin board!

Angel tree

Once again we will help brighten Christmas for a few families on the south side with the Angel Tree. This year there will be two trees one in the back of the sanctuary and the other in the fellowship hall. We will continue to add names and items as they come in so continue to check the tree for new tags.

Last year we were able to help 29 children (each receiving approximately 10 gifts). That's close to 300 gifts! Plus we were able to give each family a Kroger food voucher and a bag of food from our food pantry! Please take a tag & return ONLY the gift listed. This will allow us to keep the presents equal between siblings. Please return wrapped presents with the

tag attached to the outside to the Pastors Conference room by Sunday, December 11th. This will allow us to get the gifts delivered! If you would like to help but don't want to fight the crowds, simply place a donation in the offering plate marked Angel Tree and we will do the shopping for you! Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry!

December Sunday School All-Star

The Sunday School All Star for December is Amy LaGrange! Last year Amy returned from college and helped with the Children's Bell Choir. This year along with bells she is also a teacher in the Experiencing God's Love class. This class uses the Godly Play stories and is attended by children in preschool through 2nd grade. Amy has

done an amazing job of creating activities that will reach the varied ages in her class. Not to mention all of the energy it takes to work with these young ones!

A few facts about Amy...

-She has been a part of St. John's her whole life.

-She also sings in Sounds of

Praise during the first service.

-Amy spent an entire summer working with youth from around the country at a Youthworks cite in Arkansas. (this is the organization that our youth go through for our mission trips)

We are so grateful to have Amy back from school and working with the young ones here at St. John's.

Advent program

Everyone is invited to the Annual Advent Dinner hosted by BCE.

We will begin the evening at 5:30pm You can enjoy a nice cup of wassail while listening to a brass ensemble or take the little ones to visit Santa until 6:00pm.

Dinner will be served at 6:00. BCE will provide the main dish, bread, dessert & **table settings**. We are asking that you provide a side-dish to feed 10-12 people.

The program will begin following the meal and is sure to be a spe-

cial treat!

This is a great chance to visit with your church family and relax before the hustle and bustle of the season begins!

St. John's has amazing youth!

Last month I included a few of our youth and a few of their accomplishments in the Herald. Here at St. John's our youth do such amazing things both in our church and outside of our church I need to share a few more with you!

-Caleb Plummer is also a part of the Youth and Young Adult Board and has helped plan many retreats. At school he is part of the Center Grove High School football team who will be playing Carmel Friday, November 18th for Semi-State.

-Kayla Kendall is a part of the Youth and Young Adult board with the Indiana Kentucky Conference and helped plan this year's fall assembly. Outside of church she volunteers with special needs children as a baseball coach.

-Abby Plummer came back from a broken femur last December to be a part of the Center Grove Cross Country team! A lover of music she participated in the Children's choir & Bells here at St. John's and is a member of Indianapolis Children's Choir.



Let Jenny know what your doing so you can be included in the next Herald!

Benefit Days!

Once again the benefit days a huge success. There were many families who attended the City BBQ event in October which brought in a check of \$157.78! It was so wonderful to see so many of our church family enjoying some much needed fellowship time with each other. As this is being written we are preparing for the November event which is at Applebee's. Watch the bulletin and next month's Herald to see how we did. If you have not been able to attend a benefit night...what are you waiting for? It is a wonderful opportunity to visit with family and friends and you don't have to cook! Did I mention that a portion of your bill comes back to the church? Everyone wins! The December event will be held at Noodles and Company on Monday, December 12th. Watch the Sunday bulletin for flyers. Anyone can participate (even if they are not part of our congregation) as long as they show our flyer. Thanks for supporting these fun fellowship and fundraising events!

Youth Mission Trip Meeting

Yes, I know it's only December but planning has already begun on the mission trip for Summer of 2012! There will be a meeting on Sunday, December 11th at the end of the youth Christmas party at 4:45. Anyone who is currently in 6th grade and up should plan on being there if they want to go on this year's trip along with a parent. If you will not be able to be at this meeting but want more information on the trip please contact Jenny ASAP.