

YOUTH NEWS & NOTES



<u>Date</u>	<u>Program Topic</u>
December 18 th	Rehearsal during Sunday School for the Family Christmas Eve Service U.M.Y.F. Christmas Party (details to follow in a separate email)
December 25 th	No U.M.Y.F. MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!
January 1 st	No U.M.Y.F. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

REMINDER: don't forget your Sunday School offering!! Our offering this week will go to UMCOR for disaster relief. Please give careful and prayerful consideration to your offering that goes to support those recovering from the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew.

Lesson topic this week: The Reason for the Season!

1. What have you done this week to prepare for celebrating the Jesus' birth? What does this season mean to you?
2. We light four candles during Advent. What candle is lit on Christmas Eve and what does it represent?
3. As we continue to prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth, take the time to reflect on the gifts God has given you. How have you shared those gifts with others so that they may know the love of God in their hearts?

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK:

Ben Engel, Jerryl Christopher and Caleb Engel for serving as crucifer/acolyte/reader during the 11:00 worship service! To Anna Darr and Carolina Mumford for their special music during the 11:00 worship service. The following youth who played in the Instrumental Ensemble for the Love Feast: Anna Darr, Jerush Christopher, Jerryl Christopher and Virginia Nadworny. Also, Anna Darr, Kaitlyn Montgomery and Virginia Nadworny for helping the children sing "Morning Star". Everyone who helped with the luminaries: Elise Benware, Ethan Benware, Jerryl Christopher, Jerush Christopher, Ben Engel, Caleb Engel, Erin Engel, Will Grider, Hannah Morris, Henri Nadworny, Virginia Nadworny, Julia Boltz, Ian Kim, Katherine Lantzy, Kaitlyn Montgomery, Beck Northern, Zoey Northern, Ryan Vandevander, Peter Walker...and our "honorary youth" Luke Kim and Olivia Vandevander!! These awesome "Pastry Chefs" for helping to make the youth "Dessert Feast" following the Love Feast absolutely scrumptious: Sharon Walker, Lisa Vandevander, Libby & Brent Engel, Laura Boltz, and Shar West!! Suzanne Lantzy, Katherine Lantzy, Jennifer Sweeting and Beck Northern for helping to move poinsettias into the Narthex. And Hannah Morris who served at the Love Feast. We are TRULY blessed by the many ways our youth shine God's life and share His love!

ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER/READER SCHEDULE for the month of November:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Reader</u>
December 18 th	Ian Kim	Jerush Christopher	Katherine Lantzy
December 24 th	Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. service. ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER NEEDED! Please let Joyce know if you can serve for this special service.		

IMPORTANT: If you are not able to acolyte/crucifer/read on an assigned week, please find a substitute and contact Joyce and the church office so we will know of the change.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

December 24th: Family Christmas Eve Service: The following have volunteered to be help with this time-honored tradition at Epworth: Hannah Morris, Peter Walker, Ethan Benware, Elise Benware, Ryan Vandevander, Ian Kim and Morgan West!! Thanks for helping to make this a memorable service for our

families!

We hope that you are enjoying the special Advent Reflections from our youth.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas. May your travels be safe, and may your Christmas be filled with the gifts of peace, joy, hope and love, and may God's light shine on you this glorious season...and always.

