



Advent Activities and Events

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, Nov. 29

Please join us in the Assembly Room before (9-9:45 a.m.) and after worship for this long time tradition. Wreaths, greens and candles are all provided. If you have clippers or gardening gloves we recommend bringing them along. A \$10 per wreath donation is appreciated to help us cover our costs. As in years past, we will also have devotional materials and spiritual practice ideas available to enhance your Advent experience.

Midweek Worship

Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 - 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Each week of Advent, we'll deepen our spiritual practice with a short and simple Wednesday evening service with space for silence, Scripture, and a reflection from a member of the congregation. Each service will end with communion.



Annual Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec. 20 - 11 a.m.

In keeping with our City Love theme this year, the Christmas pageant will be set in Baltimore City. In addition to the usual Nativity scene, you can expect extra Bawlmer magic and roles for anyone who wants to be involved. We are casting adults, youth and children.

- Minimum memorization is required.
- Intergenerational open to everyone
- Rehearsals for adults and youth during education hour **Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20**
- Rehearsals for children during the education hour **Dec. 13, 20**
- Possible Children's Choir role **Dates and times TBD**

Sign up with Tim Hughes by Nov. 29 if you are interested in participating.

Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols

Thursday, Dec. 24 - 5:30 p.m.

A candlelight service retelling the Christmas story interspersed with favorite carols sung by the Chancel Choir, soloists and congregation. The prelude begins at 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Service of Prayer

Thursday, Dec. 31, 6:00 p.m.

A contemplative service of spoken and sung prayer, with readings and moments of silence interspersed.

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Sundays After Christmas

Dec. 27 & Jan. 3, 11:00 a.m. Worship

The Meditation Circle and Education Hour will not take place these Sundays, but will return on Sunday, Jan. 10.

Youth Activities:

Middle School Greens Cutting & Capture the Flag Party

Saturday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., the Finney Home
All 6th-8th graders are invited to this annual party at 1115 Hollins Lane, which has two phases. Phase 1: Clip greens for Advent wreaths and church decorations. Phase 2: Capture the flag and hot chocolate. *RSVP with Tim or Cheryl Finney.*

Progressive Youth Dinner: Friday, Dec. 11, 6-9 p.m.

We'll visit three homes for a three-course dinner, concluding with a White Elephant Gift exchange (maximum gift value: \$10). Invited to attend are 6th-12th graders and all youth leaders. *More information coming soon.*

Youth Winter Weekend: Jan. 29-31, 2016

Middle and high school youth will return to Masanetta for our Annual Winter Weekend. We'll play games, explore a theme and worship together in addition to a day filled with skiing, snow tubing and waterpark opportunities. Cost - \$150. Scholarship funds are available. ♦

Christmas is Coming to Eutaw-Marshburn

by Sandra Fink and Susan Saudek

It is great to see parents organizing on behalf of their children - the parent committee at Eutaw-Marshburn Elementary has asked us to help them raise funds for wonderful enrichment programs that the school budget doesn't include, such as visits to museums, visits to the symphony, a day at a nature preserve, visits by young audience performers to the school and monthly events to honor students with perfect attendance.

To raise these funds, they have planned a Winter Wonderland for Friday Dec. 4. It will include a photo booth with Santa, and a Santa's workshop where parents can shop (at very reduced prices) for Christmas toys, home furnishings, warm winter coats and jackets, baked goods and more.

Here is where WE come in. Would you contribute a new toy for a child 6 to 12 years old? Would you donate any gently used winter coats, jackets, gloves/ boots/ scarves for either children or adults? All of these items will be offered for sale at a fraction of their original cost, making the joy of Christmas affordable.

We will have boxes at the back of the church to re-



ceive all gifts. **The boxes will be there from Nov. 1-29. Many thanks in advance.** We are thankful for all of you and also for our school parent involvement. ♦