

Children's Ministry Team

December 1, 2014

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: TO TEACH THE CHILDREN TO LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS AND SHARE THAT LOVE WITH THE WORLD.

We did not have a team meeting in November or December, due to scheduling changes.

The months of October, November and the first half of December have been filled with craft making for the Mission Team's November bazaar and preparations for the Christmas musical, which will be December 14 in a 10:00 Unity Service.

These are the following crafts that were made for the bazaar:

- Design-A-Mugs
- Two-tone Beaded Cross Ornament
- Snowmen Christmas Ball Ornament
- 16 Beaded Wreaths with Cross Ornament
- Canning Jar Rings Tree Ornament
- Oatmeal / Pringles Can Food Container Snowmen
- Candy Cane Magnet Craft Kit

Operation Christmas Child

The K-5 Alive children made "Who Loves You," owl crafts that were put inside each Operation Christmas Child Shoebox, with a note explaining our after-school program and reference to John 3:16 and how much Jesus loves each and everyone one of us.

The children from Children's Church chose to use their 2014 offerings to fill four shoeboxes....two girl boxes for 5-9 year-old's and two boy boxes for 10-14 year old boys. We talked about and selected what we wanted to put in our boxes during a C-C lesson. Rhonda Linsley then purchased the items, and we filled the boxes during our C-C lesson on two different Sundays.

K-5 Alive

Musical practice will take place on December 3 and 10. December 17 will be a Christmas lesson and special games to celebrate the upcoming Christmas break. Pastor Carl and Rhonda talked about nursing home singing, but chose to wait until February so the kids would have time to make something special to take to the residents when we go out to sing for them. K-5 Alive will resume again on January 7.

In January, we will then dig into Group's LIVE Curriculum where we will focus on Sticking with God: Knowing His Love. We will learn about the many ways God shows His love to us and how we can then share that love with others.

K-5 Alive is from 3:15-5:00 PM every Wednesday after school, and children may join our program any time. They just need to complete a Registration Form and arrange their own transportation to and from the program. The program will run through the end of April, 2015.

Sunday School

The 2nd Quarter starts Sunday, December 7. Our teachers for Dec/Jan/Feb are as follows:

Pre-Kindergarten - John & Kim Strange

Grades 1st-2nd – Matt Kauffman (with three rotating adult helpers)

Grades 3-5th – Kristen Burks and Rhonda and/or Jeff Linsley

Attendance Awards for the students not missing more than two Sundays during the 1st Quarter (Sept, Oct, Nov) will be presented during the 11 AM worship service on December 7. There will be 21 kids receiving a beautiful pewter Christmas ornament from CTA.

VBS

Rhonda borrowed a VBS program from the Mexico United Methodist Church that Meghan Riegerix participated in two years ago. Rhonda will be looking through it over the next month or so to see if it's something we should do this summer. We like to pick our selection in January or February.

Our next Children's Team meeting will be February 4, 2015. Rhonda will hopefully be in Florida January 6-11.

Calendar Dates:

Wed., Dec. 3	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive Christmas Program practice at 4 PM
Sun., Dec 7	11:00 – 1 st Quarter SS Attendance Awards
Wed., Dec 10	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive Christmas Program practice at 4 PM
Sun., Dec 14	Christmas Program – 10:00 Unity Service in Worship Center
Wed., Jan 7	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive
Wed., Jan 14	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive
Wed., Jan 21	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive
Wed., Jan 28	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive