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EXTRA! EXTRA! News from Children's Ministries

December 2009

Dear Laura,

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K-3 Promiseland in December!

Here's what we're doing this month!

Curriculum for the Month

December 6: Children will be learning about how the shepherds shared the good news of Jesus' birth. The children will be challenged to share the Christmas story with others.

December 13: We will be learning about the wise men visiting Jesus and how bringing gifts shows us about giving to others.

December 20: "What God Wants for Christmas" presented by 4/5 Promiseland.

Service Project this Month

December 13: We will be assembling goodie bags for the Men's Group at the Coalition for the Homeless.

4/5 Promiseland in December

Getting ready for our performance.

On December 20, during Promiseland (9:45 - 10:45) the 4th and 5th graders will present the Christmas story, "**What God Wants for Christmas.**"

Feel free to join us during that time.

December 6 & 13: Practice continues for "What God Wants for Christmas" during our Promiseland time.



Christmas Dinner and Children's Music Program

Join us December 9!

Join Us for Dinner

Enjoy a traditional turkey dinner with your family on Wednesday, December 9, at 5:30 PM in the Matthias Family Life Center gym. Christmas music will be provided by the Children's Choirs following the dinner. (See below.) The cost of the dinner is \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids. Everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite holiday dessert to help make the meal complete. To make reservations, call the church office by Monday, December 7, or register [online](#).



Children's Choirs Christmas Music Program

On Wednesday, December 9, at 6:15 PM, the Children's Choirs will present a Christmas program of music and scripture to celebrate the season following Wednesday Night Dinner. All are welcome. Nursery will be available for infants through three-year-olds. **You must make reservations for childcare by clicking [here](#).**

Christmas Eve Worship Services!

Thursday, December 24
Christmas Unwrapped: The Gift
Scripture: John 1:1-5,14

4:00 Wee Gathering

(Families with toddlers and preschoolers)

Matthias Family Life Center

Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite nativity character.

Five Candlelight Services
5:00 Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols

Sanctuary

5:00 Family Service*

Matthias Family Life Center

7:00 Traditional Service

Sanctuary

8:00 Contemporary Service*

Matthias Family Life Center

11:00 Traditional Service*

Sanctuary

*Communion will be served.

Nursery is provided at 5:00 and 7:00 services only.

December 27 in Promiseland and Noah's Ark

On Sunday, December 27, there will be **no Promiseland or Noah's Ark**. Childcare will be available for Noah's Ark age kids.

We're Going to Monkey Joes! **Calling all Fourth and Fifth Graders!**



Mark your calendars, or [register](#) now, to attend Highway 45's first event of 2010. On January 10th, we'll be going to Monkey Joe's.

Parents are to drop off and pick up their children at Monkey Joes (address below).

January 10

We're going to Monkey Joes!

5471 Lake Howell Rd., Winter Park, 32792, 407-478-4000

2:00 - 4:00 PM

\$6.00.

Extra spending money is optional.

Parents will be required to sign a waiver when they arrive. Remember to wear or bring **SOCKS!**



JUMP! in January For 5th Graders.

Attention 5th graders. JUMP! (fifth grade youth group) starts January 31st. Come and bring a friend for food and fun!

January 31

5:00 - 6:30 PM

At FUMCWP in Family Life Center Rooms 312, 313

Cost is \$5.00 for dinner.

Who We Are!

Meet our Children's Ministries team:

[Kathy Bradshaw](#), Director of Children's Ministries

[Laura Lyons](#), Assistant Director of Children's Ministries

Patricia Peaden, K/1 Coordinator

[Carrie Fugett](#), Children's Ministries Assistant

Christina Robinson, Children's Ministries Assistant

[Kathy Taulbee](#), Communications Associate

We hope that this newsletter has answered many of your questions about the upcoming events in the Children's Ministries program at First United Methodist Church. If you find that you still need information about something we've listed, or if you have other questions, please feel free to contact us at:



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Blessings,

Kathy and Laura and the Children's Ministries Team

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