

Good News!

Youth and Family Ministries at Christ Church, Georgetown

Welcome to *Good News!* The Youth and Family Ministries Committee will be publishing this monthly newsletter to keep Christ Church children and parents up-to-date about what's going on for children, youth, and their families at Christ Church.

Throughout the year, you'll find calendar highlights, notes from teachers, information about new programs, and tools to help your family take home what you've learned or prayed in church. On behalf of the entire YFMC, we look forward to a year of much *Good News* to share as God moves at Christ Church! -- Molly Peacock, Craig Stouffer, Rita Yoe

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 11:

No Sunday School Assembly—classes begin at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 13:

Youth Choir dinner and rehearsal (6-7:30 p.m.)

Sunday, November 18-Sunday, December 2:

Georgetown Ministry Center Winter Shelter in residence

Sunday, November 18:

Youth Choir leads 9:00 worship

Sunday, November 18:

Confirmation Class/High School serve shelter dinner (5:30 p.m.)

Thursday, November 22:

Thanksgiving Service (11:00 a.m.)

Sunday, November 25:

Youth grades 6-12 serve shelter dinner (5:30 p.m.)

Sunday, December 2:

Advent All-In (10:00 a.m.)



Acolyte training is in full swing this fall!

It's time to think about Pageant!

Last year, we began (or possibly revived) the tradition of a Nativity pageant for children and youth. It's time to get ready for this year's! Pageant gives children the opportunity to, literally, place themselves in the biblical story. Ours is intentionally simple: the script is Luke's gospel and congregational hymns.

All children and youth are invited to participate! Roles will be assigned as follows: **Pre-K and Kindergarteners** - stable animals; **Grades 1-5** - shepherds and angels; **Grades 4 and up** – signups to be “head” shepherds and angels; **Grades 6-8** - named characters: Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, and Magi; **Grades 9-12** - narrators or backstage helpers

There are no rehearsals for animals, shepherds, or angels, and we'll learn hymns and refresh the story in Sunday School throughout December. Also, one hymn will be sung by the Youth Choir!

Interested in a named role or backstage help? Contact Rita by Sunday, November 25. Roles will be assigned by Sunday, December 2.

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Notes and Updates:

Meet the Teachers: John & Michelle Korsmo

Veteran Sunday School teachers Michelle and John Korsmo this year are teaching, along with first-timer Kate Miller, Christ Church's first graders. While both John and Michelle have taught Sunday School for several years, this is the first year they have shared a class (which just happens to include their six-year-old daughter Genevieve!). Active members of Christ Church, Michelle is co-chair of the Stewardship Committee, and John is finishing a term on the Vestry. In "real" life, Michelle is President and CEO of the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America and John chauffeurs their three daughters (Mattie, 11, Ally, 9, and Genevieve) around Georgetown for school and ballet, music, and art lessons.

A CCG Sunday School Ode

Who scoops you up and holds you tight?
Who tells you stories about wrong and right?
Who looks after you at all times,
Whether out-of-doors, or in a room's confines?
Who cherishes you night and day,
Whilst hard at work or enjoying play?
The answer, my beloved reader
Is all of these: parent, child, student, and our
Greatest Teacher.

--Sunday School Teacher Molly Peacock



2nd/3rd Grade All Saints' Banner: St. Nicholas

A Note On Youth Shelter Services:

Each winter, Christ Church is privileged to host our homeless neighbors for four weeks: two in November and two in March. Guests have a warm place to sleep, shower, do laundry, and eat a hot dinner together. Youth grades 6-12 are especially invited to join for one of the youth-hosted dinners: cooking for, serving, and eating alongside guests. Jesus charges us to serve all our neighbors: "Truly I tell you, just as you have done for the least of these, you have done to me." Matthew 25:41



Children and parents gather with their jack-o-lanterns at the end of the Liturgy for All Hallows' Eve: Pumpkins, Prayers, and Pizza 10/26.

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