

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12-05-10

These announcements represent opportunities for you to grow stronger in your faith, to connect to fellowship, to be inspired by worship, and to serve in ministry. In order to build up the church and promote God's work in us and through us, you are encouraged to participate.

Angel Tree Gifts Due Today

The Angel Tree is up in Heavenly Grounds. The Angel Tree is a community project that helps local families in need. This year Dearborn Hills has received 143 Angel Tags. Thank you for your kindness in making someone's Christmas special.

Children's Christmas Offering

Every Christmas the United Methodists of Indiana take up a special offering to support ministries for children. Two dozen programs in Indiana, in the US, and in other nations receive much needed help from UM Hoosiers. This year's Children's Christmas Offering envelopes will be in your bulletin next Sunday, December 12.

Children's Ministry

Children's Christmas Program: The message of the Gospel is presented in a fresh new way as kids travel *Back to the Manger* – a caroling adventure through time from 40s swing to 90s pop. Join us for our annual production tonight at 6:30pm.

Advent: Devotionals are available for boys and girls through sixth grade in Heavenly Grounds.

Student Ministries

Small Groups: We have one week of small groups left this year (Wednesday Nighter's) December 8th.

Upcoming Events and Activities: December Calendars are now online!

Dec. 10th: Chronicles of Narnia opens. Who is going?

Dec. 12th: 6-8pm All Youth White Elephant Christmas Pizza Party. Sign up to come, bring a white elephant present and enjoy the fun.

Dec. 19th: Christmas Caroling... If you are interested please let Jon know. We are making plans.

Dec. 19th: Deadline to sign up for the Laser Tag trip.

Dec. 21st: 5-9pm Laser Tag... \$20 and sign up to attend. This covers food and 3 games of laser tag. This trip is for all Jr. and Sr. High Youth. Don't wait, sign up today and get your money in.

Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, 6:30pm and 11:00pm bring a friend.

College Students

College Sunday School: All college students are encouraged to attend Sunday school during their Christmas break in Jon's office.

College Parents: We need your help. Please let your students know of our upcoming plans. Thanks!

Year-End Finances

Remember, your contributions to Dearborn Hills are tax-deductible. If you have yet to fulfill your 2010 pledge to the church, there are a few weeks yet to do so. Also, if you have yet to turn in your 2011 pledge, please do so soon. As we heard last week, we've come up short on our fall pledge campaign. If we receive no more new or increased pledges we will need to make cutbacks in our staff, which will mean a reduction in the programs and services our church offers. To turn in your pledge or to increase a pledge you've already turned in, contact the church office at 637-3993. Thank you.

Advent Celebrations

Advent is the season before Christmas when we anticipate the arrival of the King of Kings. It's a special time of prayer and devotion as we make spiritual preparations to celebrate the Incarnation.

Remember to mark these events on your calendar:

Tonight, 6:30pm	Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, Dec 19, 10:15am	Christmas Sunday
Friday, Dec 24, 6:30pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight
Friday, Dec 24, 11:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight

United Methodist Women's Christmas Brunch

The United Methodist Women's Christmas Brunch will be at the home of Helen Dunevant on Saturday, December 11th at 10:30 a.m.

Come join us for a great time of fellowship, good food, and fun, as we celebrate the glorious Christmas season. We will also be distributing gifts to shut-in members of the church.

Reservations can be made by signing up on the UMW bulletin board outside of Heavenly Grounds. For more information call Jean Mullalley, 637-1742 or Sylvia Waltz 513-353-1672.