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Not only is Thanksgiving just around the corner, so is Christmas! In fact, we're going to be celebrating both of them this Sunday evening...sort of.

The evening will begin around 4:45, when those who are bringing food are asked to have it here, ready to serve, so the serving tables can be set. We will then meet together in the auditorium at 5:00 for a brief time of giving thanks. We don't have a special speaker scheduled this year, but we will give any who desire to do so the opportunity to share what they are thankful for after we sing a hymn of praise and thanksgiving. Then, after a blessing for the food, we'll head for our annual Thanksgiving Pot-Luck Dinner.

After dinner a crew of volunteers will continue showing gratitude by cleaning up, and we'll transition into Christmas. The kids who are working on the musical will meet with Rhonda for a brief rehearsal, and the rest of us will start digging through boxes of decorations. Before we leave, the church should be dressed for Christmas.

To help you plan for Christmas this year, let me give you a few things to put on your calendar.

The first is the Ladies' Christmas Ornament Exchange that has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd, at Mario's. The children's Christmas musical will then be presented during our worship service on December 8th. On Sunday evening, December 15th we're planning to go Christmas caroling, ending at Jeni and Jonathan's for Christmas goodies. And on the 24th we'll be holding our 49th annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service.

Since I'm talking about the Christmas Eve service, I guess it's not too early to start encouraging those with musical gifts to start planning to share them. I will once again plan the service around the specials that are offered, so please start thinking of what you might like to do, and what you want to sing or play. The first to let me know their choice will be the one given the opportunity to present that selection, so let me know what you'd like to do ASAP.

God Bless, Rick



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Thanksgiving Pot-Luck Dinner & Decorating for Christmas

Dinner this Sunday at 5:00
Decorating after dinner



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Sunday Worship Service
Bible School
9:15 AM
10:45 AM

STATISTICS

Worship 129
Offering \$4,745.00

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-11/24/19

Greeters Brad Stirmell
Visitors' Stand Judy Marlow
Communion Meditation Chris Luzio
Jonathan Sperry
Ushers Scott Bales
Rick Polley
Brad Stirmell
Duane Carrell
Chad Formea
Gary Gredzieleski

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers Karen Mann
Rebecca Smith
Infants Kristin Polley
Stacey Cantrell
Abbie Divjak
Sunday School
Toddlers Rhonda Luzio
Infants Kelly Donaldson
Elizabeth Wright

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY-12/1/19

Greeters Beryl & Jamella Reese
Visitors' Stand Chuck & Jan McLaughlin
Communion Meditation Paul Hunley
Otto Huber
Ushers Bob Williamson
Kent Ballard
Jake Divjak
Chris Luzio
Rich Mann
Will Bartels

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers Adora Burdinsky
Grace Hunley
Infants Dixie Williamson
Rebecca Smith
Madison Bales
Sunday School
Toddlers Julie Divjak
Infants Jonathan Sperry

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK



The annual Ladies' Christmas Ornament Exchange has been set for Tuesday, December 3, at 6:00 at Mario's. The meal will simply be off the menu, so everyone can order what they wish. All coming are asked to bring a wrapped ornament to put into the exchange.



Dear Church Family,

I'm so grateful and blessed for all the prayers that have been said on my and Dan's behalf. "Thank you" is such a small phrase, but I am truly thankful for all the prayers, cards/gifts cards, calls, and visits that have taken place since my surgery. I know the reason I have healed so well is because of prayers. I still have a ways to go before I am fully recovered, but I am so thankful the worst is behind me.

Thank you, again, for all the prayers that have been said for both Dan and I.

Nancy

The Hidden Word

ACTS 1:8b

"...you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Let Us Pray For...

--Auburn community at unexpected death of elementary music teacher.

--Pulaski family going to California to attempt delivery of baby with complicated heart defect.

--Deb Sanner with restless leg syndrome.



Jr. High and High School Students

We will be doing our annual fall service activity on Saturday, December 7th from 10:00am—3:00pm. Please try to keep that date open in your calendar as we will need everyone to help!

Also, I had a few contact me Sunday after church wanting to be put on the list for our yard clean up crew. We still have a room for at least two more houses, so see me soon if you want on the list! If you handle your yard but know of someone outside of our church that could use assistance, let's talk as our group would love to minister to them through service.



Over the years, we have had some great races around Springfield. Remember last year? There were 9 teams totaling 39 teen-agers running around Springfield solving clues and completing tasks associated with the Race. It was the largest group ever, but I hope this year's group is even bigger!

The Amazing Race will be on Monday, December 30th. Start thinking of your teams and clearing your schedule! We have a big group of Seniors who will want to win their last Amazing Race so I anticipate the competition this year will be tougher than ever!

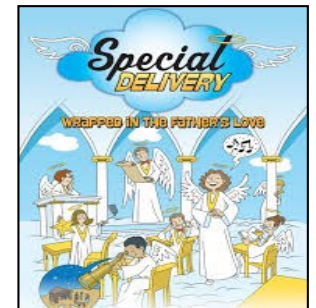


Casas por Cristo
short term missions

There is a strong possibility we will be returning to Mexico this summer for another mission trip! Instead of attending the CIY conference this summer, the High School students would like to invest their time and money serving a family in Acuna, Mexico. It excites them that we can visit the Avila family from our previous build!

While many students will attend, this is not only a High School trip. We will need some adults to participate with us and make sure we have a solid group of 15-20 participants from CCC. If you missed the last trip, I sure hope you take advantage of this one. You will surely be blessed while blessing others.

An informational meeting has been planned for Sunday, December 1st after Sunday School to discuss potential dates and financial responsibilities. Prior to that, please see me with any questions!



We are all looking forward the hearing about the Special Delivery in a few weeks! But first, let's all eat some turkey! For those of you who are here this Sunday night for the Thanksgiving Dinner, Rhonda will be going over a few songs with you after dinner while the adults are cleaning up and decorating the church.