

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The meeting is today immediately following the service! The only agenda item is the approval of the 2023 Church Budget. A quorum of 50 members is required to vote on the budget.

ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT

The theme is BRRR- Breathing, Repenting, Receiving and Rejoicing! You should have received a packet of four envelopes and a letter with all the information when you came into church. This project will begin next Sunday, November 27, the First Sunday of Advent!

CHILDREN'S SHARING TREE

The Children's Sharing Tree will be up in the lobby next Sunday, November 27. There will be 40 gift card tags (\$25 each which can be purchased through the youth in the lobby that day) for the Strongsville Food Bank. There will also be 40 tags for gifts for children from Children Who Witness Violence. *All gifts and gift cards are to be returned no later than Sunday, December 4.* Thank you for participating in this First Church tradition of giving.

HARVEST MONTH CONTINUES!

Please bring in donations of non-perishable food items for the Christmas food baskets. The baskets will be donated to individuals and families in need within our community, as the needs are especially acute this year. We will also accept monetary donations to help fill the baskets with perishable items and provide a complete holiday meal for those less fortunate. Envelopes marked "Food Baskets" are available on the Welcome Center and can be placed in the basket or offering plate. **Special Note: We need frozen turkeys for the Thanksgiving baskets.** Volunteers will be needed to pack the food baskets on Tuesday, November 22, at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall . Please sign up on the sign-up sheet located on the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Reiner Mueller: reindogger@outlook.com Call or text: 440-724-8897

CHRISTMAS DECORATING DAY!

We will be decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season on **Sunday, December 4**, after the 11:15AM service. Lunch will be served prior to decorating. Many hands make light work. Come join us! A sign-up sheet is on The Welcome Center.

YOUTH ORNAMENT PAINTING

We will be hosting an ornament painting party at Maggie and Ellie's in Strongsville on **Thursday, December 8, from 6:30 - 8 PM**. Ornaments are priced between \$10 -\$14. Youth of all ages are welcome to attend. This is a great way to begin the holiday season, create a wonderful Christmas keepsake and enjoy some fellowship. Flyers will be sent home during Sunday School!

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

We need **YOU** to share your talents! We are in need of Prelude music for the 8:00 PM Christmas Eve service. Any age or experience level is welcome. Reach out to Director of Music, Zack Richards zack87@zackrichards.com, ASAP if you are interested in sharing your talents!

CHERUB CHOIR AND BELLS RETURN!

On December 18th, the last Sunday of Advent, we are excited to have our youth return to sharing music during the service! The Cherub Choir and Bells will sing and play *Joy to the World* along with our Adult Choir and Bells during the prelude of the 11:15 Traditional Service.

To prepare, the youth, pre-K through 5th grade will meet at the beginning of Sunday School all together to sing and play on Sundays December 4, 11, and 18 in the Fellowship Hall by the pianos. A sheet of the words and an audio file will be emailed to all families to sing along with at home and in the car! Please reach out to Director of Music, Zack Richards, zack87@zackrichards.com with any questions.
