

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT**

The theme is BRRR- Breathing, Repenting, Receiving and Rejoicing! If you did not receive a packet last week, please pick one up today. The packets are in the back of the sanctuary by the Usher Table. This project begins today, but will continue throughout Advent.

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### **CHILDREN'S SHARING TREE**

The Children's Sharing Tree is up in the lobby. Please take a tag for either a \$25 gift card (can be purchased through the youth in the lobby) or a gift (\$25 value). These will be given to children from the Strongsville Food Bank and Children Who Witness Violence. *All gifts and cards must be returned no later than Sunday, December 4.* Please be sure to sign the master list (on the table next to the tree) with your name, contact number and gift tag number. If you have questions, please contact Connie Nielsen (440.263.2487 or [the3nielsens@gmail.com](mailto:the3nielsens@gmail.com)). Thank you for continuing to share your blessings with those in need.

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### **CAN WE BORROW YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE?**

We would like to have artificial Christmas trees throughout the spaces we will be using during our Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, December 3. If you would be willing to let us use your tree, you could have it back that afternoon! Please let Maureen Shorts know if you'd be willing to let us use your tree!

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### **FOOD COLLECTION 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. We will also accept monetary donations to 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.** Volunteers will be needed to pack the food baskets with the date to be determined. Contact Reiner Mueller: [reindogger@outlook.com](mailto:reindogger@outlook.com) Call or text: 440-724-8897 with questions.

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### **CHRISTMAS DECORATING DAY!**

**Sunday, December 4**, after the 11:15 AM 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.

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### **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!

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### **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](mailto:zack87@zackrichards.com), ASAP if you are interested in sharing your talents!

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### **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](mailto:zack87@zackrichards.com) with any questions.

### **2023 ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETIN DONATIONS**

Sign-up sheets are on The Welcome Center.