

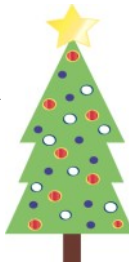


CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Christmas time is just around the corner and our rehearsals for our annual Children's Christmas Pageant have begun! Anyone from 3 years old to 5th grade interested in participating please come join us on Wednesday nights from 6:00 – 6:30! Performance date is Sunday night December 18th!

THE CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MINISTRY

We have begun identifying children and families for our unique Christmas mission. Pray for them as they prepare, plan, purchase and reach out to the children and families in the name of Jesus to give a gift of Christmas to them this year. This year's party is December 5th at 6 pm. Hosts, shoppers and donations are needed to make this a success. Please call the church office (648-2367) to be a part of this ministry.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE



- Sunday, November 20th
- Central United Methodist Church
- 6:00 pm Community Youth Choir
- 6:30 pm Fellowship and joint choir rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Joint Thanksgiving Service

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JOIN US SUNDAY AT 10:55 AM FOR WORSHIP

Risk Create Realities Matthew 25:14-30

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In "remembrance" of those who have valiantly served our country this week our nation takes pause with flags waving, school plays, community parades, moments of recognition and other significant acts of tribute. Veterans Day is also referred to as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in other parts of the world and falls on November 11, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. Folks of that era remember that "on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" in 1918, major hostilities ended. United States President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed an Armistice Day for November 11, 1919. In proclaiming the holiday, he said "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations." On June 4, 1926, Congress passed an act calling for appropriate ceremonies to observe Veterans Day and that it should be celebrated as "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace." In later years "all veterans" would be included in being remembered and honored.

As the church of Jesus Christ our everyday yoke to bear is the promotion and spread of "peace." We strive for peace among nations, peace within communities, peace among family members, peace between humanity and God our Creator-Redeemer. We value sacrifice, duty, and serving the greater good of the broader collective. We have listened well to the Bible stories of serving our neighbor and caring for those in need. Deep within the soul of this nation is a Christ-like spirit of both strength and compassion in the face of injustice. Canton First has a legacy of faithful men and women who have served both country and God and for that we are all thankful.

Pastor Jay

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Youth News

The celebration began at 1:00pm Sunday October 30th. Several members and non members of our church gathered at the Armory for specific reason, to share and display the love of Jesus Christ to our beloved community at our **Not So Scary...But A Little Scary Fall Festival**. Reading the title, you might have some questions about the event. Especially, you might ask, "what do you mean by **But A Little Scary?**" Now, I have to admit that I still do not completely understand the phrase. After all, we do not have a haunted corn maze or a dark room with whispering sounds and bowls of slimy foods representing body parts (my favorite one is grapes representing eye balls). In fact, we have no activities that make any attempt to intentionally scare people. On the other hand, we did have a few barren trees with lights, spiders, and cobwebs that gave a spooky effect. Moreover, some of you might agree that there were plenty of scary people that were dressed up in costumes. But the truth of the matter is that when you have people attend the festival struggling with faith or having a faith *not* of God, it is **Scary**.

As I said at the beginning, this was a celebration. Why? Because the people of God chose to gather together as a united body to bring the Good News of Jesus -

Giving Candy, Setting Up, Donating Supplies, Making Crafts, Decorating, Taking Pictures, Singing, Fixing & Serving Food, Playing Games, Welcoming, Giving Hay Rides, Parking, Costume Judging, Making Cakes, Cleaning Up And More!!

The Spirit of God worked vibrantly through the people who served that day. The reason I can be assured is that people left receiving **"Love, Joy, Peace, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control."** (Gal. 5:22-23a)

Further, I have a feeling that if we are truly honest, each of us can admit that we walked out of the Armory with a shared satisfaction of Hope, which is really **Not So Scary**.

Jason

POINSETTIA MEMORIAL MINISTRY

You can provide a poinsettia for our homebound, shut-in and nursing home residents in order to bring them cheer the whole Christmas season. For your gift of \$18 you can list your "in memory of" and "in honor of" gifts in the memorial bulletin printed for the Christmas Cantata on December 11th, 2011. This ministry also provides flowers for our sanctuary. Forms are available in the Sunday bulletin or in the church office. The deadline for this ministry is Monday, December 5th.



*Christian sympathy to the families of
Carroll Rickman, Marie Myers and
Clara Wilson*



JOY CLUB LUNCHEON

The November gathering of the JOY Club is a Thanksgiving covered-dish luncheon at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, November 14. The JOY Club will furnish turkey, dressing and drinks. Please bring a salad, vegetable, casserole or dessert to share. A brief program will be included. Please remember your \$1.00 for the JOY Club treasury. We hope to see you there!

CHURCH-WIDE THANKSGIVING COVERED-DISH DINNER



Wednesday, November 16th at 5:30
The church provides meat, bread and drinks.
Bring a covered-dish of your favorite salad,
vegetable, casserole or dessert to share.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

for International Missions Ingathering
Sunday, November 27th during our
Hanging of the Greens Service
Our goal for this year is \$4,000.



BLUE CHRISTMAS

Everyone is invited and welcomed to attend
"A Celebration of Hope and Remembrance"
on Sunday December 4th at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary.
This service is dedicated for a time of sharing and caring for
those who have lost loved ones. Please plan on attending.



*Thank you notes have been received from
Meg Woodward, Jay and Marsha Meadows
and the family of Susie Crisp and are posted
on the Community Board.*

Ministry Opportunities

Week of November 13

Sunday, November 13:

- 9:00 FirstPray - (Room 107)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:55 Worship Service - Operation Christmas Child Ingathering & Communion
- 12:00 Operation Christmas Child Regional Collection Site Volunteer Luncheon
- 4:30 Praise Team
- 5:30 Synergy608 Fellowship - (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 AWANA - (Third Floor)
Synergy608 - (Sanctuary)

Monday, November 14:

- 7:00 Irene Berry Smith - (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, November 15:

- 10:00 Staff Meeting
- 12:00 JOY Club Covered-dish Luncheon

Wednesday, November 16:

- "WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE"**
- 4:30 Youth Praise Team - (Youth Room)
- 5:30 Church-wide Thanksgiving Covered-dish Dinner - (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 17:

- 7:00 Praise Team - (Sanctuary)
- CFBC Book Club - (Parlor)

Disciples in Action

Usher of the Month November: Tony Reid

Deacons: Kevin Lowery, Joanne Rochester

Nursery: Lisa Frizzell, Donna Wood

Children's Church: Chip & Jen Cody, Donna Deaver,
Brooke Dorlan

Evening: Chip & Jen Cody

Our Stewardship November 6

<i>In Giving:</i>		<i>In Attendance:</i>	
Weekly Needs	11,139.41	Sunday School	167
Budget Gifts	14,945.30	Morning Worship	199
Designated Gifts	1,336.00		
YTD Budget Needs	501,273.45		
YTD Budget Gifts	452,018.94		
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