# **2016 Christmas Pageant Information**

## **Important Dates:**

- Oct. 16: Children will be introduced to the pageant during BLAST
- Oct. 30: Deadline to RSVP to Courtney regarding your child's participation and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd part choices
- Nov 6: Pageant parts will be handed out after the 9:00 Worship Service (Look for a table in Grams Hall)
- **Nov 20:** Costume Sunday! Children needing a costume for their part should stop by the storage room in the K-5 BLAST hallway to try on a costume. Costume times: 8:30-8:55, 10:30-10:55.
- **Nov 27:** Make up date for children still needing a costume. Stop by the storage room in the K-5 BLAST hallway between 8:30-8:55, 10:30-10:55.

**Saturday, Dec 10: 9:00-11:00 ALL CHILDREN PRACTICE in the Sanctuary**. Because this is the ONLY rehearsal, it is really important that EVERY child that wants to be in the pageant attend. We will go through the pageant twice.

**Dec 11: Pageant during 9:00 Worship Service.** K-5 children arrive at 8:30 and go to their BLAST classrooms to get their costumes. When preschoolers arrive to worship, they may choose to wear sheep "hats, mittens, and/or bibs". Preschoolers will sit with their families in reserved pews up front.

## **Pageant Parts & Options**

**Preschoolers:** Preschoolers will sit with their parents in reserved seats up front for the entire pageant. They are invited to come join us for specific songs/parts of the pageant. Parents will be given a "cue sheet" so they know when to send their children forward. When the preschoolers arrive for worship on Dec 11, they are invited to pick up sheep hats, mittens, and/or bibs to wear. There will be one preschool speaking part with a memorized line: "small sheep"

**Kindergarten-5th Graders:** K-5 children have several part options for the pageant. Please discuss with your child and RSVP with your child's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of parts.

#### A - Non-Speaking Part (Costume):

Camel backs

Donkey back

Cow back

Curly Horn Sheep back

Angels (There is one shared line all angels say as a group, but it is not an individual speaking part)

Stable Animals

Shepherds

#### B - Non-speaking part Shadow Puppeteer (no costume, preferably 4th/5th grade)

Puppeteer 1

Puppeteer 2

Puppeteer 3

## C - Speaking Parts (Reading Lines, No Costume):

Readers (1st grade or older; 1 line each unless we condense parts)

### D- Speaking Parts (Memorized Lines and Costume)

Angel Gabriel - 4 lines

Mary - 1 line

Joseph - 1 line

Shepherds - 1 line each

Wise Men - 1 line each

Caesar Augustus - 1 line

Innkeeper - 1 line

Dove – 1 line and operates dove prop

Curly Horn Sheep front - 1 line

Donkey front – 3 lines

Cow front – 3 lines

Camel fronts – 1 or 2 lines plus one with camel group

If your child would like to be in the Pageant, you must RSVP by October 30 to caldrich@chelseaumc.org

Please include your K-5<sup>th</sup> grade child's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices for parts