

# Sunday's Cool News

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Christian Education

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## the Best Christmas Pageant Ever



**Saturday, December 6**  
**4 pm in Fellowship Hall**  
**Potluck dinner to follow**

## The Perfect Gift

Christmas is a time when millions of people travel millions of miles to see family and exchange gifts. There's nothing like journeying across town, or across the country, to Grandma's house, where the smell of homemade cookies and pies greet you at the door. At Grandma's house families reunite, good food is enjoyed by all, and there are usually a few presents to open. For some families, this journey is as long as two days. "Are we almost there?" rings through the car a thousand times. Christmas has always been a time for journeys. On the first Christmas there were three wise men who took a journey. The night Jesus was born God placed a brilliant star in the sky above Bethlehem. When the wise men saw the star they knew in their hearts that a very special king had been born. The wise men set out on a journey to follow the star to the king. After about two years of journey they found the child, Jesus, at home with Mary and Joseph. Immediately they bowed, and gave Jesus three gifts fit for a king. The three gifts were gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

You might think these gifts were great, but not really fit for a toddler. These gifts were exactly what Jesus needed. Shortly after the wise men left, King Herod ordered all baby boys under two years old to be killed. An angel warned Joseph and instructed him to flee to Egypt. Guess where they got the money for their journey, their food, and their house? That's right, the gifts from the wise men. God knows exactly what we need and He makes sure we get it. This Christmas give God thanks for the gifts you receive. They may not be what you wanted, but they're what God knows you need.

If you need help remembering that, think about the star that led the wise men to Jesus. It's a miracle that is sometimes overlooked. That star was a guiding light for three wise men and the perfect gift.

Announcing the 2014 Annual Christmas Musical...

## "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

*When:* Saturday, December 6 at 4 pm

*Where:* Mentor United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

*Who:* ONLY people who want to laugh and have FUN while hearing the Christmas Story!

*What:* Musical with POTLUCK meal to follow (Families with last names beginning with A-L bring main dish feeding at least 8 people; M-Z bring side dish or salad feeding at least 8 people)



### Here's What Is Happening at Mentor UMC for Children & Families...

- ♦ **GENERATIONS**, family fellowship group, invited to TWO events on Saturday, December 6 in Fellowship Hall [mentorumc.org/generations](http://mentorumc.org/generations)
  - ⇒ Cookie Decorating from 11:30-1:30 with pizza lunch
  - ⇒ "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at 4 pm with potluck dinner to follow
- ♦ **ALL Church Christmas Caroling**, Sunday, December 7 from 1:00-3:00 pm; meet at MUMC's Fellowship Hall
- ♦ **American Heritage Girl Troop**, a non-profit organization dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country; December meeting is Thursday the 11th [mentorumc.org/American-heritage-girls](http://mentorumc.org/American-heritage-girls)
- ♦ **FOOD SORTING** is open to ALL who would like to help on Sunday, December 14; check bulletin for details
- ♦ **Children's Choir** (K-6 Gr) rehearses 10:15-10:45 in the Annex
- ♦ **Cherub Choir** (3, 4, 5 YO) rehearses 10:15-10:35 in the Sanctuary
- ♦ **Family Christmas Eve Service** is at 5 pm; families are invited to attend this kid-friendly service; "Silent Night" with candlelight included

**North Mentor Centenary UMC, 9290 Lakeshore Blvd.**

Christmas Puppet Production

December 17 at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

41<sup>st</sup> Annual Live Nativity Scene

December 19, 20, 21 from 7-9 pm



**77 shoeboxes  
collected!**

### StuCo 56 NEWS

**WHO:** 5th & 6th Graders

**WHAT:** Fellowship group meets September through May and is open to MUMC students and their friends!

**WHEN:** Typically the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month

**WHERE:** Typically at Mentor UMC's Fellowship Hall

**HOW:** Get in the know by emailing Tammy Palermo [tpalermo@mentorumc.org](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org) to be included in her email list

#### DECEMBER

5- Meeting 7-9 pm

14-Food Sorting 1-3 pm

Parents will be needed for each of these dates!

#### Upcoming 2014-15 Dates

January 16

February 6 & 20

March 6, 18 (Wed.) & 29 (Sun.)

April 17

May 1 & 15

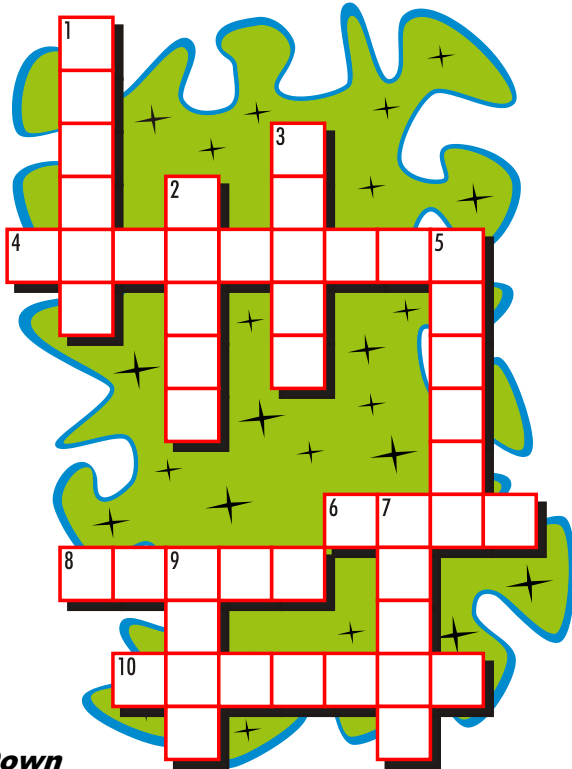
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### Across

4. Jesus was born in the town of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. She was John the Baptist's cousin.
8. An angel told Mary to name her son \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What was the angel's name who appeared to Mary?



### Down

1. Mary rode into town on a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In the nearby fields shepherds were tending their \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Joseph had a \_\_\_\_\_ about Mary having a baby.
5. Mary placed the baby in a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. An \_\_\_\_\_ appeared to Joseph in a dream.
9. The wise men followed the \_\_\_\_\_.



### Starry Christmas Ornaments

Form a star with a piece of thin wire. String dried cranberries on the wire, and add a piece of thread to hang on the tree.

### Apple Star Surprise

You need: apple, knife, paint, paint brush, & construction paper

Cut the apple in half horizontally, so the stem is on top of one half. Brush a little paint on the cut side of the apple, being careful not to get any paint inside the core. Press the painted side of the apple on to the paper. Watch the star appear.

### Super Star Relay Race

Cut two star shapes out of tissue paper. Divide everyone playing into two teams, line them up, and give each player a straw. The object is to pick up the star with the straw using suction power. Pass the star down the line using only the straws. The first team to the end wins.

### Bible Stars "Guess Who"

Cut large star shapes out of construction paper. Write the name of a different Bible character on each star. Tape one star to each person's back. Each person goes around the room showing others their star and asking them 'yes' or 'no' questions until they guess the 'star' on their back.

### Hidden Star

Using a white crayon, draw a large star or manger scene on a white piece of construction paper. Give the paper to a friend and have them cover the page in watercolors. Watch as your drawing mysteriously reveals itself.

1 Tristan B

1 Stephanie L

3 Olivia M

4 Jacob P

4 Lydia K

5 Riley B

7 Annika C

8 Juliana G

8 Faith L

9 Stanley Z

11 Colin H

12 Holly M

13 Joshua W

14 Otto B

14 Avery H

14 Dawn L

14 Sarah S

14 Elena S

15 Liam F

16 Marcos W

19 Claire K

20 Sophie B

21 Joshua M

21 Emma M

22 Emily F

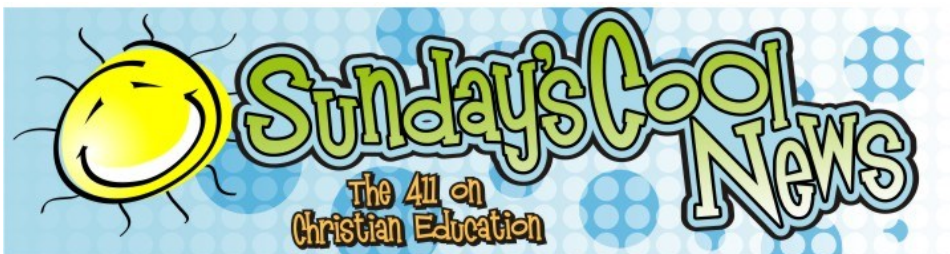
24 Luke P

27 Stevie K

31 Jack B

31 Elijah L





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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 StuCo 56 7:00-9:00 pm	6 Cookie Deco 11:30 am-1:30 pm  The BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER 4:00 pm
7 FAMILY WORSHIP (Sunday School for kids up to age 4) 9 & 11 am ALL Church Caroling 1:00-3:00 pm	8	9	10	11 American Heritage Girls 6:30-7:45 pm	12	13
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