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God to forgive us when we do something that is wrong.

God has given us many other great gifts. He gave us life! We can breath, play, and learn new things everyday! God gave us parent, friends, and a great church with wonderful teachers to help us know more about Him. Take a few minutes and make a list of all the other good things God has given you.

The Bible tells us that we need to thank God for all the good gifts that He has given us. Psalm 118:1 says "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. For His loving kindness is everlasting."

We would have nothing if it was not for God. In fact, we would not even be alive if it wasn't for the fact that God created us and breathed His life into us. Take that list you've made and spend time each day this month looking over it. Be happy about what's on it, and then look to heaven and tell God "Thank you!" If there are people on your list, be sure to tell them how thankful you are that God put them in your life!



Here's the CHALLENGE: Put together a SHOEBOX for Operation Christmas Child by November 17th

Operation Christmas Child is being sponsored by Mentor United Methodist Church's MOPS & MOMSnext groups. We are

asking for anyone who is willing and able to participate in this wonderful ministry. You can learn more by visiting this website: www.samaritanspurse.org/

index.php/occ/ People pack a shoe box with age appropriate items and the boxes are distributed to boys and girls across the globe who would not receive a Christmas gift otherwise.

Since 1993, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse works with local churches and ministry partners to deliver the gifts and share the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ.

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

- StuCo 56 Babysitting Saturday, November 16: 1-4 pm at MUMC; Cost is FREE-WILL Donation; MUST Sign up http://tinyurl.com/StuCo56BabysittingDay
- 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. Contact Syndie Toth for informational or to sign up. The first meeting will be January 9, 2014.
- Family Sunday: 1st Sunday of the month; 3rd through 6th grade will remain in worship; No Children's Message; 3 year olds through 2nd grade meet in Chapel then go to Ed Wing
- The BREAKFAST CLUB, a Young Family study—Sundays from 10:10-10:50 in Room 109; childcare is available in Room 102
- Parents' Morning Out (toddlers-4 YO) Mondays from 10 am-12 pm; openings available
- Children's Choir (K-6 Gr) rehearses 10:15-10:45 in the Chapel
- Cherub Choir (3, 4, 5 YO) rehearses 10:15-10:35 in Room
- **GENERATIONS**, family fellowship group, does not have a planned activity for November or December; PLEASE consider participating in one of the many offerings for everyone at MUMC



StuCo 56 NEWS

StuCo 56 is for students who are in 5th & 6th Grade. This fun fellowship group meets September through May and is open to MUMC students and their friends! Be sure to check this space for important updates! When events are posted, there is a sign-up sheet outside Tammy's office on the "brick wall" OR follow link below date. Also, email Tammy Palermo at tpalermo@mentorumc.org your email address to stay up to date with the latest information. Parents will be needed for each of these dates!

Here are the 2013-14 dates to include in your calendars NOW!

SAT., Nov. 2

http://tinyurl.com/StuCo56IceSkate SAT. Nov. 16

http://tinyurl.com/StuCo56NovServe FOOD SORTING: SUN., Nov. 24, Dec. 15,

Apr. 13

http://tinyurl.com/StuCo56FoodSort Fri., Dec. 6

http://tinyurl.com/StuCo56RSVP CHRISTMAS CAROLING: SUN., Dec. 22 Friday, January 17 Fridays, February 7 & 21

> Fridays, Mar. 7 & 21 MAKE A MEAL: WED., Apr. 2 Fridays, May 2 & 16

Parents will be needed for each of these dates!

Link to info:

http://tinyurl.com/StuCo56

Operation Christmas Child Gift Suggestions

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

Hygiene Items: toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

Other: T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

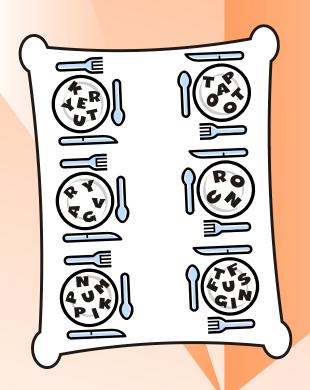
A Personal Note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.) You can download a fill-in-the-blank letter here: www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Graphic Resources/

Do NOT Include: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans





Have you ever sat down to a meal and wondered what was on the plate? Whether it's mystery meat or lima beans, you'll never know until you dig in. See how many of the food items below you can unscramble. Don't forget to pray before you eat.





These treats are from way back in time. They probably came from your great, great, grandma. As a matter of fact, these recipes were around before there were cars. Enjoy your trip back in time!

Here's what you need for Old Fashioned Taffy

1 adult helper / 2 cups of honey / 1 cup of sugar / 1 cup of heavy cream

Here's what you do:

Combine ingredients in medium saucepan. Heat slowly until you can drop a small piece into cold water and it forms into a ball. At that point, let the rest of the mixture cool. When the candy is cool enough to touch, rub butter on your hands and pull the candy until it's golden in color. Cut into small pieces and enjoy.

Here's what you need for Good ol' Butter

1 milk cow or 1 cup of whipping cream / 1 jar with a tight lid / 1 pinch of salt (optional)

Here's what you do:

Be just like the early pioneers and make your own butter. If you don't have the cow, then just pour whipping cream into a jar with a nice tight lid. Shake the jar, then shake the jar some more, and finally shake the jar. When your cream forms into a ball stop shaking (if you can). Before you taste your butter, pour off the excess liquid, add a little salt, and use a spoon to mix and press out the extra liquid. Grab some bread and enjoy

Happy Birthday to Our Friends Born in November

2 Jonathan K

3 Claire S

12 Courtney T

16 Carson S

25 Elizabeth B

2 Sammy M

6 Lauren R

13 Hannah Kate G

19 Jayne F

29 Jaxon B

2 Riley R

14 Matthew B

22 Miles G

29 Hannah F

3 Madeline H

11 Jonathan S 12 Sydney T

14 Alexander W

22 Jules N



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Please feel free to contact her with
any ideas, questions or concerns!

| SUN | MON | THE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| RO | | | | | MOPS & 1 MOMSnext 9:30-Noon | StuCo 56 1:30-3:30 pm at Mentor Civic Ice Arena |
| Sunday School (to 2nd Grade) Family Sunday (Gr. 3-6) 9 & 11 am Cherub Choir 10:15 Children's Choir 10:15 CM Rehearsal 1-3 | Parents'4 Morning Out 10 am-Noon | 5 | 6 | 7 | MUMC Gingerbread House Arts & Crafts Show 4-9 pm | MUMC Ginger- bread House Arts & Crafts Show 10 am to 3 pm |
| Sunday School 9 & 11 am Cherub Choir 10:15 Children's Choir 10:15 Christmas Musical Rehearsal 1-3 | Parents' Morning Out 10 am-Noon | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | StuCo 56 1-4 pm Raking & Babysitting (need children to watch!) |
| Sunday School 17 9 & 11 am Cherub Choir 10:15 Children's Choir 10:15 Christmas Musical Rehearsal 1-3 | Parents' Morning Out 10 am-Noon | 19 | 200 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| Sunday School 24 9 & 11 am Cherub Choir 10:15 Children's Choir 10:15 Christmas Musical Rehearsal 1-3 | Parents' Morning Out 10 am-Noon | 26 | 27 | Happy 28 Thanks- giving to YOU!!! | Church CLOSED | 3Ø |