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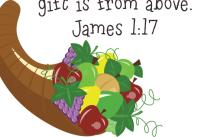
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Every good and perfect gift is from above. James 1:17



hen was the last time you had a perfect day? When was the last time you had a fight with one of your parents? When was the last time you yelled at a brother or sister? Have you ever looked in the mirror and hated your reflection? You are not alone. Lots of kids have bad days. When your day goes bad, that's when God really wants you to know how much He loves you. After all, God created you. He made you just the way you are and He thinks you're awesome! Did you know that God knows every detail of your life? He knows how many hairs are on your left arm. He knows what you ate for breakfast. He knows about the fight you had with your mom. He knows it all!

You're probably thinking, "Great, if God knows it all then how could he still love me?" That's the good news. You may have a bad day. You may not always say the right things or act the right way, but God will keep on loving you. God loves you when you use your best manners or when you yell at your brother. He loves you when you fight with your parents or blow a test at school. God doesn't love the wrong things we do, but He never stops loving us. The more time you spend thinking about God's love it becomes clear that you are very special to Him. God is going to keep on loving you because He wants you to love Him back and one day live with Him forever in heaven. Wow!

What can you do for God to show him how thankful you are for all the love He gives you? It's simple. Talk to God; tell him thank you! God loves to talk to you and listen to you. Read your Bible or a great Christian book. Tell God what you love about Him and the stories in the Bible. Praise God every

morning when you wake up and every night when you go to bed. See how many things you can thank Him for. Try making a list and sharing it at dinner. Challenge a parent to see who can thank God the most in a single day. Have fun. Last but not least, tell God thank you for giving you life and making you special!!!

Thank you

It's SHOEBOX Time!

Bring Your Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes on November 15th

StuCo 56 is asking for anyone who is willing and able to participate in this wonderful ministry. You can learn more by following the link from mentorumc.org/children. 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.

Samaritan's Purse delivers shoebox gifts to over 100 countries, which vary from year to year! Over 113 million shoeboxes have been collected and delivered to more than 150 countries and territories since 1993.

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

Sunday School

- •Children 0-4 years old~Early Childhood Area
- •K 2nd Grade~Room 107
- •3rd Grade~Room 103
- •4th 6th Grade~Room 104
- •Family Worship is FIRST Sunday of the month and K-6th graders remain in worship with their families
- •mentorumc.ora/sunday-school

Cherub & Children's Choirs

- •Cherubs~3 year olds through Kindergarten in Room 104 from 10:15-10:35 Sunday mornings
- •Children~Grades 1-6 in Room 112 from 10:15-10:45 Sunday mornings

Parents' Morning Out

- •Children walking through Kindergarten come to play and hear a story from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Parents are invited to stay or leave
- mentorumc.org/parents-morning-out

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

- •Thursday, November 12 6:30-7:45 pm in Room 103
- •mentorumc.ora/American-heritage-airls

Food Sorting is open to all families on Sunday, November 22 from 12:00-2:00 pm. Sort the food for **Food Distribution** on November 23.

from 9:00-12:00.





StuCo 56 NEWS

StuCo 56 is for students who are in 5th & 6th Grade. This fun fellowship aroup meets

September through May on the 2nd & 4th Sundays typically from 5:30-7:30 pm and is open to MUMC students and their friends!

When events are posted, follow link below the date to RSVP. Email Tammy Palermo at tpalermo@mentorumc.org to be included in her email list.

Parents are requested to assist!

2015-16 Upcoming Dates

November 8 & 22 (12-2 pm)

December 13 (12-2 pm) & 27

January 10 & 24

February 14 & 28

March 13 & 20

April 10 & 24

May 4 & 22

mentorumc.org/stuco-56 for details and RSVP links

Operation Christmas Child SHOEBOX 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

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



Always Remember to say Than You You

Everyone has something very special to be thankful for every single second they live. Too often this special thing is overlooked. Take the first letter of each picture below and use them to unscramble this very important thing you should be thankful for. Look to the arrows for help and when you are done, remember to say "Thank you!"



Pass the Love



Would you like to pass a little more than the potatoes tonight dinner? Here are a few ideas to help you pass around a little love and appreciation among your

family this November.

A Thanksgiving Poster

Take a piece of poster board and decorate it with lots of fall colors. Write "THANKSGIVING" across the top. Underneath that write "Father, thank you for..." During the month of November when you and your family have things to thank God

for, write them on the poster. Pick a family night at the end of November to read all that you have to be thankful for.

Love Notes

Once a week, have each member of your family write a special letter of appreciation to a specific family member. Take turns that week

reading one letter each night at dinner time. The next week everyone writes letters to someone different. Don't be afraid to be serious. God can use this time in a powerful way.

A Tradition of Prayer

Family prayer is a wonderful thing. Take some time this month to sit down together as a family and write a "Thank You God" prayer. Encourage everyone to contribute to the prayer. Read these scriptures for some ideas: Psalms 107:1-8, Psalms 136, and Psalms 146. Have everyone read the prayer together one night at dinner. Make this

activity something you do at least three times a year.



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3 Madeline H

11 Jonathan S

14 Matthew B

22 Jules N

26 Zachary T

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2 Sammy M

3 Claire S

12 Sydney T

14 Alexander W

25 Elizabeth B

28 Spencer S

2 Chloe N

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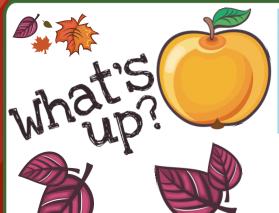
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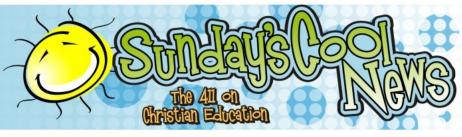
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SUNDAY MORNINGS Sunday School 9 & 11 am



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Med	Thurs	Fii	Saf
FAMILY WORSHIP Christmas Musical Rehearsal 1:00-3:00	2	3	4	5	6	MUMC Gingerbread House Arts & Crafts Show 10 am to 3 pm
Christmas Musical Rehearsal 1:00-3:00 StuCo 56 5:30-7:30	9	10	11	American Heritage Girls 6:30-7:45	MOPS & MOMSnext 9:30 am to 12:00 pm	ADULTS ONLY WhirlyBall 12:45-2:15 pm
Sunday School 5 9 & 11 am Cherub Choir 10:15 Children's Choir 10:15 Christmas Musical Rehearsal 1:00-3:00 SHOEBOXES DUE	16	17	18	19	20	21
Christmas Musical Rehearsal 1:00-3:00	Food ²³ Distribution 9:00-11:30	24	25	Community Thanks- giving Dinner 11:00-2:30	27 Church CLOSED	28
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