

PVUMC ALL THINGS KIDS: CHRISTMAS EDITION

We have lots of exciting things going on for kids of all ages this Christmas season!



Please pay close attention to the below **SUNDAY SCHOOL** schedule as there is a lot going on we don't want you or your kiddos to miss out on! Sunday School children and youth will be singing Away in a Manger and do a choral reading of Mary Did You Know during the **Dec 19th 10 AM service** as well as the family style **Christmas Eve service on December 24th at 5:30 PM**. We invite all parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles to join us for these special services! Please let your son/daughter's teacher know if your he/she will be joining us to perform during either or both services. Sunday School children and youth will sit with their class before they perform and then sit with their family after their performance.

| DATE | BIBLE STORY or NOTE | SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL ACTIVITY |
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| Nov 21 | 10 AM Healing Service | We are combining the two worship services into one unified service at 10 AM, that will emphasize the healing power of our Lord. Therefore, the regularly scheduled Sunday School will be cancelled. You are invited to join us for this special healing service as we pray for physical, mental, spiritual, and relational healing in our lives and the lives of our loved ones. |
| Nov 28 | Gabriel's Message | Practice for Christmas, Make Ornaments (take one home) and decorate the Sunday School Christmas Tree |
| Dec 5 | Mary Visit's Elizabeth | Practice for Christmas, Make Nativity Wheel |
| Dec 12 | Jesus Is Born | Rehearsal for Christmas |
| Dec 18 | Registration Required | Kids Christmas Party & Shoppe from 12-2:30 PM |
| Dec 19 | Arrive (early): 9:35 AM | Kids singing Away in a Manger and doing a Choral Reading of Mary Did You Know during a combined 10 AM Church Service. Kids will sit with their class before they perform then they will sit with their families after they perform. |
| Dec 24 | Please arrive by 5:10 PM in Choir Room (Fellowship Hall entrance / Top Parking Lot) | Kids sing Away in a Manger and do a choral reading of Mary Did You Know at the 5:30 PM Family Christmas Eve Service. Kids will sit with their class before they perform then they will sit with their families after they perform. |
| Dec 26 | Join Us for a Combined Service at 10 AM | No Sunday School. Please join us for our combined service at 10 AM. |
| Jan 2 | Winter Break | No Sunday School |
| Jan 9 | Joyous News | Please bring your kiddos to our regularly scheduled Sunday School at 9:45 AM |

During each **SUNDAY SCHOOL** class we pass around a jar for our kiddos to deposit a **love offering**. Some weeks kiddos might give a nickel and other weeks a dollar. Regardless of how much they give, they are always such joyful givers! Speaking of joy...**each class will adopt one kid from the Angel Tree**. All money collected will go towards buying each a special toy!

Because of the generosity of Mrs. Anne Wahrenberger, all Sunday School kiddos will receive a **Kids Christmas Devotional**. Once received, we will distribute them to all Sunday School kids. If your child isn't in Sunday School but would like a devotional, please see Holly about extras. If you are reading this, Mrs. Wahrenberger...we are so very grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity! Sending you peace and love this Christmas!



KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY!



Kids ages 4-12 years old are invited to come to our **KIDS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY & SHOPPE on Sat, Dec 18th from 12-2:30 PM!** Kids will hear the Story of Christmas, do a craft, and have a snack. They will also “shop” for two (free) gifts for their loved ones. Complimentary gift wrapping will be done by our “God Squad” youth group. Teens ages 13-17 years old are welcome to attend as helpers for the party. Plus, there may just be a surprise Christmas visitor too. 😊
The party is completely free, although registration is required and forms are on the counter in the Welcome Center.



During the 11 AM service, about 15 minutes into the regular church service, kids are dismissed to **JUNIOR CHURCH**. In December the younger kiddos will be learning about the **birth of Jesus** and the **life of Mary and Joseph before Jesus was born**. While the older kids will be **making gingerbread houses** that will be on display in our welcome center. The younger kids will vote for their favorite house and the winner will receive a Christmas gift card. We will also be making ornaments to display on the tree in the fellowship hall. After Christmas, kids are free to take them home. Lastly, we will be making snack bags for the Bikers Helping Others ministry which distributes snack bags to children on the weekends to ensure they will have enough to eat until they get back to school on Monday.

Our YOUTH GROUP is already rocking around the Christmas tree!

They have so much fun stuff going on! If you have a teen in your life and they aren't involved yet—reach out to Amy Harris at 412-378-2858. Last week they made up **care packages for Twin Pines Foster Care**. On November 28th they are heading to **Kennywood Lights**. On December 19th they will also be participating as leaders in the worship service at 10 AM then celebrating Christmas together that afternoon. Finally, they are baking throughout December for their annual **Cookie Sale**. They will take orders for prefilled variety tins from December 1st through December 12th: small tins are \$5, medium tins are \$10, and large tins are \$15. Order sheet is on the counter in the Welcome Center. Cookies will be ready for pick-up on December 19th from 11:15 AM-12:15 PM.



On behalf of our Children & Youth Ministry team and servant volunteers...thank you for sharing your kid(s) with us!

We look forward to seeing them every week and consider it a privilege and an honor that you choose to worship at Port Vue United Methodist Church. If there are activities or ways that we could better support you, your kiddos, or family—please let us know! And if your kiddo hasn't had the opportunity to join us lately, no worries! We look forward to when he or she is available to! We pray that you have a blessed, peaceful and joy filled Christmas season!

If you have any questions or want to get involved in the excitement, call or text Holly Turkovic at 412-715-9451 or email her at holly.mcgraw@gmail.com