



Sunday School Scoop

"A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM"



Hands-On Holy Land Experience

On December 20, 2008 EUMC plans to recreate life as it was during the miraculous birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, at our Christmas event, A Night in Bethlehem.

Can you imagine that night in the bustling town of Bethlehem when Jesus Christ was born? The sights? The sounds? The smells?

From 4:00 until 7:00 pm families are invited to experience what life was like when Jesus was born. Travelling through a marketplace in Bethlehem, families can:

- Taste food
- Create a basket
- Make a dreidel or harp
- Listen to a live drama
- Visit a living nativity

Allow this miraculous event to come to life for you and your family.

Registration is mandatory to attend this event. Please register on the bulletin board located in the foyer.

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The pageant is scheduled for Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 am.

Preparation for our Christmas program will begin November 30. Please help your child memorize the song and any lines. Some

children will need to prepare a costume.

DRESS REHEARSALS

This year we have scheduled two dress rehearsals. This provides us the opportunity to practice in the sanctuary.

- Saturday, December 13 from 9:30 until 10:30 am. Children will "shop" for Gift Bag items on this day.
- Friday, December 19 from 6:30 until 7:30 pm.

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Special points of interest:

- Ⓢ Nov. 16 monetary collection for Gift bags begins
- Ⓢ Nov. 30 No Sunday School
- Ⓢ Dec. 13 from 9:30 to 10:30
 - Dress Rehearsal
 - Gift Bags
- Ⓢ Dec. 19 Dress Rehearsal
- Ⓢ Dec. 20 A Night in Bethlehem
- Ⓢ Dec. 21 Christmas Program!
- Ⓢ Dec 25 Merry Christmas!

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GIFT BAGS

Once again our Sunday School will organize Gift Bags for the elderly and shut-in members of our congregation. We would like to give a gift bag and a little of our time and love this holiday season.

Monetary donations will be collected from the congregation toward the

purchase of gifts from November 16 through December 7. Volunteers will then shop for the gift items to put in the bags.

On December 13 at 10:30 am, after the dress rehearsal, students will "shop" from the table of items to make a Gift Bag.

We will ask the families to distribute one or two bags to the homes during the week of December 14.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

The month of December is so hectic and filled with such wonderful moments. In order for us all to enjoy these days, we need to work together to offer our children both the learning and social opportunities offered during the holiday season.

Please look at the list of opportunities to volunteer and sign-up on the foyer bulletin board for one you may do.

Shopping for Gift Bags

Given the collected money, you would help shop for little items to put in the gift bags.

Dress Rehearsals

We will need help with the pizza party and organizing the items for the gift bag shopping.

A Night In Bethlehem

This event will be open to the whole congregation. We need LOTS OF PEOPLE willing to organize and operate stations, prepare and bring food, participate in a live drama, decorate, and clean up.

Please contact Tamie Scalise if you are willing to help.



NURSERY COVERAGE

Thanks to all of our volunteers who are willing to help in the nursery. Our goal is to provide child care for all children between the ages of 0 and 2.

If you are unable to provide care on your scheduled week, please try to switch with another volunteer or contact Tamie.

NOVEMBER:

November 9 Amy Kauffman
November 16 Kristen McCulloch
November 23 Karen Werley
November 30 Kim Kemmerling

DECEMBER:

December 7 Kristen McCulloch
December 14 Amy Kauffman
December 21 Karen Werley
December 28 Kim Kemmerling



SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTS FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, December 7 Sunday School will host fellowship. We will be serving food and drinks to the congregation.

At the same time, our children will take this opportunity to raise funds for our mission, the UM Children's Fund. Funds will be raised in two ways:

1. *Ornaments and Crafts* that have been handmade by our children will be sold.
2. *Baked Goods* can be sold as well. We are asking families to donate cookies, brownies, and other goodies that can be sold. Please encourage your child to take part in this activity.

We are excited about our work for the Children's Fund. So much has been happening to raise money for this worthy cause.

- *Teddy Bears*—the children stuffed and sold teddy bears with a special message to be sent

to children and soldiers around the world.

- *Money Tube*—the children and members of the congregation are collecting spare change to fill our money tube.

Our goal is to raise at least \$500 this year. Currently we have collected more than \$100 and are working toward our goal. Best of all, our children are learning how to reach out and help people around the world!

Thanks to the congregation and our families for their support.

On November 30, all children are invited to remain in the sanctuary with their families for the hanging of the greens.