
YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sonia Donnelly, Youth Director

Fall Fest Recap

Thank you to ALL who attended the 20th annual Fall Fest! The night was a success with a delicious dinner provided by our amazing kitchen volunteers, fun crafts and games led by our pre-teens and teens, and amazing support from our families for our sweets auction and bake sale. We had 14 unique entries for the sweets auction that raised over \$1,500, and our 1st annual bake sale sold out, raising over \$1,900 between the two that will be put toward bus costs for our annual *Lifest* trip next July. Stay tuned for a Seroogys fundraiser coming soon that we hope to raise the remaining \$600 to completely cover the bus cost and offset ticket costs for the trip. Thank you to all who took time out of their week to bake, cook, clean or volunteer in some capacity, and for those who came to enjoy the evening!

Peace & Global Witness Offering

On October 6th, and throughout the whole month, we collected monies in support of the Peace and Global Witness initiative. With this giving, 25% stays here at FPC. The total collected so far is over \$4,500 which means over \$1,100 stays here for a program that will be established for teens and their families that addresses many of today's issues that our young people face in their daily lives. Thank you to all who participated in this special offering.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

As we move into November, we are excited to hold our 1st annual Operation Christmas Child box-packing event. On Wednesday, November 13th, our youth will pack boxes to ship across the world to provide children in need with a tangible expression of God's love, while teaching our children the joy of giving and sharing that love with others. We need your help, though, to fill the boxes. Baskets will be set up in the Fireside Room and near the kitchen. If you aren't able to join us for packing the boxes, please consider donating items that we can lovingly pack. Cards will also be available on Sundays before the 13th in the Fireside Room for you to write a thoughtful note or draw a picture that we can include to the children. If you would like to be a part of our packing on November 13th, please let me know - call or text 309-258-7342.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

***Wednesdays, November 20th & 27th**

No Young Disciples youth programs so that our volunteers and families can have a time to rest and be together.

***Friday, November 22nd - 6:00p.m.**

Family Movie Night: Join us for a holiday favorite, *The Polar Express*, along with snacks and crafts!

***Sunday, December 22nd - 10:00a.m.**

The Youth Christmas Program, led by Lorna March, will be held during worship.
