YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sonia Donnelly, Youth Director

Fall Fest Recap

October brought another fantastic Fall Fest and sweets auction, serving over 150 people and raising over $1,800 toward our annual *Lifest* trip. This year in addition to games and crafts we had a visit from Glasers Reptarium, who brought snakes, a tortoise and a bearded dragon for all to see. Bellies were filled, memories made, and a good time had by all. Thank you to ALL who had a part in the night!

November Mission Project: Food Drive

Our youth will collect canned goods and grocery gift cards to help local families in need. Last year we connected with local schools and helped 5 families with a full Thanksgiving dinner, an additional 3 families to fill their pantries, and donated canned goods to the First Lutheran Food Pantry. This year we hope to do the same! Please bring in your canned good(s) and put them in the white donation box in the Fireside Room. Gift cards or monetary donations can be put in an envelope marked "food drive" and either dropped off in the office or put in the collection plate on Sunday mornings.

Children's Christmas Program: December 21st

We will begin rehearsals for our annual Children's Christmas Program that will be held during worship on Sunday, December 13th (worship that day will move to 10:00a.m.). Students will greet and usher, do readings, and sing for the event. If your child is not a part of our Wednesday programs but would like to participate in the Christmas program, please reach out so we can pass along important dates. November rehearsals will be held during our Wednesday after school program.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our 3nd annual Operation Christmas Child packing event with our youth will be on Wednesday, November 11th. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us to come between 3:30p.m. and 5:00p.m. to share in a snack, a meaningful message about the mission, and in packing boxes. Our goal is to pack 50 boxes that will be sent around the world for children to enjoy a tangible expression of God's love to them, their family and their community. Our youth learn a valuable lesson as well in acting as the hands and feet of Jesus! We are accepting donations for the boxes as well. Items needed include small toys/games, school supplies, combs/brushes, washcloths, band-aids, flashlights (and batteries), hats, playdough and any other non-liquid/nonfood items. Our teens are also happy to do the shopping if you'd like to donate gift cards; this provides them important lessons in budgeting on top of giving.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

***Wednesdays, November 18th & 25th**
No Young Disciples youth programs to give our volunteers time to prep, rest and be with their families for Thanksgiving.

***Friday, November 20th, 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.**
Craft Night – make tie blankets and cards.

***Saturday, November 21st, 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.**
Holiday Movie Night: dinner and a movie!

***Sunday, December 13th - 10:00a.m.**
The Children's Christmas Program will be held during worship.

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