

# HOLY FAMILY KIDS' AFFAIRS!!

CHF's newsletter especially for kids!

## Some Fun Stuff to Do This Month

All Saints' Sunday Intergenerational Event: Come down to the Christian Education area on Nov. 7 and meet some saints! We'll have saints to talk to, food to remind us of the saints in our lives, and some activities to demonstrate to us that every single one of us is a saint of God!

Christmas Pageant Photographs: Come meet in the Nave on Nov. 21 to get your picture taken for the CHF Christmas Pageant slide show! Dress up as a sheep, a cow, a goat, a wise man, an angel, or even a less "traditional" nativity animal (in the past, we have had bees, lions, and lobsters!) The church has some costumes if you don't happen to have angel wings around the house. So, whether or not you have a costume, please come out to the church and be a part of our Christmas pageant!

Advent Workshop: Advent is the church season during which we wait for Jesus to be born. We will be preparing for our wait at our Advent workshop in the Parish Hall on Nov. 21. We'll be making Advent wreaths, gift bags, Jesse tree ornaments and all sorts of things to help us get ready.

## Dates and Times

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| Mon., Nov. 1     | <i>All Saints Day</i>  |
| Wed., Nov. 3:    | Children's Choir, 5:30-6:15  |
| Sunday, Nov. 7:  | All Saints' Sunday Intergenerational Event during Sunday School, 10 a.m. |
| Wed., Nov. 10:   | Children's Choir, 5:30-6:15  |
| Sunday, Nov. 14: | Sunday School, 10 a.m.   |
| Wed., Nov. 17:   | Children's Choir, 5:30-6:15  |
| Sunday, Nov. 21: | Sunday School, 10 a.m. Pageant Photos, 2:30; Advent Workshop, 4:00       |
| Wed., Nov. 24:   | Children's Choir Practice Cancelled.                                     |
| Thurs., Nov. 25: | <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>   |
| Sunday, Nov. 28: | <i>First Sunday of Advent.</i> Sunday School, 10 a.m.                    |

## Thanksgiving and Saints

It makes sense that we honor God's saints and celebrate Thanksgiving all in the same month. Whether they are famous saints or ordinary people in daily life doing their best to live according to God's will, we thank God for God's saints and the work that they do in the world. The saints in our lives help us, as people of God (which means we are saints ourselves, even if we don't always feel like it!) to serve and follow God in all kinds of different ways.

Think of the people you know who serve God and/or their fellow human beings in ways that you respect. Think about how they are making the world more like what God wants for us every day, even in small ways. Then think about what YOU are doing to serve God, how YOU might be changing the world, making it better with God's help. In this season of Thanksgiving, remember to thank God for every one of God's saints who helps you along in your journey.

# Children's Choir Corner

The music we sing in church has been influenced by different Christian and musical traditions all across the world over hundreds of years. This month, our children's choir will be singing the anthem "Simple Gifts" from the Shaker tradition. (See Hymn 554.) The Shakers came to America from England in the 1700s in order to practice a unique style of Christian living. Their services involved a lot of moving, including dancing, marching, and shaking (which is why they were called "Shakers.") So when the choir sings the anthem "Simple Gifts," they won't just sing, they will move! Moving to music can help people focus on God when they sing.

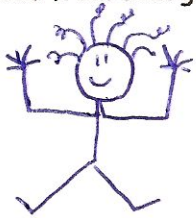
Here are some of the motions the children's choir will be doing and what they mean:

Hands up means receiving good from God/gratitude.

Hands down means letting go of what keeps us from God.

Bowing means showing we want to do good, not bad.

Turning means returning to God after we do wrong.



## Getting Ready!

On the first day of Advent (Nov. 28), cut out the tree and add an ornament to it. Add one ornament on every day of Advent, ending with the last day of Advent - Christmas Eve.

