

# December 2011

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all you brought to the Thanksgiving Family Feast! Please consider bringing in boxed potatoes or rice, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, soup, canned fruit or vegetables to place on the kitchen cart before December 16, for the Church's Food Pantry.

Life Touch Preschool Portraits will again be taking the school pictures on Th. 12/1 and Fri. 12/2. Please turn in your Picture Day sheet indicating your color preference for the background for the individual photo and the holiday photo. You may bring a sibling, favorite toy or prop from home, too. The finished picture packages should be here before Christmas Break. You will sign for them to take home to make your decision over Christmas Break and return payment and any un-purchased sheets by January 6. Every child who is photographed will receive a complimentary SmileSafe Kids® safety card, regardless of whether or not you purchase any photograph sheets.

The Sunshine Elves (our teaching staff) are offering to babysit current students and their older siblings as a fundraiser. At least 3 staff members will be available in Room 118 on Friday, 12/2, from 6 until 9 pm and on Saturday, 12/17, from 9 am – 12 noon. Please sign up at your child's room, since we would cancel a date with less than 10 children signed up. We will offer crafts, games, activities, and movie and snack. We request that the children have a meal before they arrive. Suggested donation is \$5/child/hour, but any donation will be welcome for this fundraiser.

Thank you to everyone who has already placed an order for the Little Caesar's Pizza Kit and Cookie Dough (they're due 12/6). We need volunteers to help unload the delivery truck when it arrives on Wednesday, December 14, at 12:00 p.m. and then sort the orders, sign up with Nancy. Everyone who placed an order must pick it up between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 12/14. Please go to the kitchen door to pick up your order sheet & pizza/cookie dough kits.

Everyone is invited to our Christmas Program to be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, in the main sanctuary, with a reception in the gym following the program. Please have the children meet in their rooms at 6:45 that evening. No one will be wearing costumes this year (we are doing something different and taking pictures during Chapel) so please dress in holiday colors. **DOORS WILL NOT OPEN BEFORE 6:30.** The children should be practicing songs from the song sheet sent home on the back of their weekly "What We Did" paper. If you signed up to bring paper products, fruit, cheese & crackers or beverages, please bring them to school on Monday or Tuesday during class time. We are asking everyone else to bring cookies before 6:45 Tuesday evening. If anyone can help set up or clean up, please see Nancy.

We are ordering Christmas ornaments and will share more details in a week or two.

Other Christmas activities are happening at the church this month as well. The annual church Christmas musical, "Searching for the King", will be held Fri. 12/ 9, Sat. 12/10, and Sun., 12/11 at 7:00 p.m. There will also be a Christmas Eve Communion Service at 8 p.m. and one Christmas Day Service at 10:30 am. (no Sunday School on Christmas morning). We hope one of these programs will help make your busy holiday season more enjoyable and remind us of the true reason for the season, the birth of Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift. May each of you have a blessed Christmas.

**Lastly, just a few reminders. Please label coats. Visit to the restroom before class starts.**

- This month we are collecting food for the church's food pantry: boxed potatoes or rice, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, soup, canned fruit or vegetables would be greatly appreciated.
- Please call school (513-424-1887 ext. 211) if your child will miss class for any reason.
- We collect Campbell's soup labels. Anyone interested in volunteering to clip and sort the UPC labels, see Nancy.
- Listen to the recording at school (513-424-1887 ext. 211) for closings due to inclement weather, or check our website, [www.sunshinechildren.com](http://www.sunshinechildren.com), TV Middletown, or e-mails. We run regular hours instead of 1 hr delays.
- Please notify your child's teachers in writing if you have given your child any medication prior to school.
- Classes resume after the holidays on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.
- Send your child's favorite Christmas gift along on their first day back for Show and Tell.

*Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*The Sunshine Preschool at Breiel Staff*