

New Bible study "Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids," begins January 18. This five-week study for parents meets Sundays from 6:30 to 8 pm in room 207. Sign up in the main lobby.

New Bible study Abraham, Genesis chapters 15-25 begins January 8. This seven-week study uses the inductive study method and meets Thursdays from 9 - 11 am and 6:45 - 8:45 pm in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the main lobby.

Additional on-going Bible studies meet other days of the week. Please contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call 766-4611 for more information.

A **special missions presentation**, "Effectively Sharing the Gospel" by Karen Helmuth from Kidzana Ministries will be held on January 3 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm at the Silver Spring Presbyterian Retreat House. This talk is specifically being presented to the D.R. mission trip team, but everyone from First Church is welcomed to attend. For more information contact Tina Eaton.

We are **looking for Sunday morning coffee ministry volunteers**. Are you an early service attender who likes coffee and would be willing to make the coffee once a month? Then you might be a great candidate! Please contact Tina Eaton to volunteer by January 12.

Children's Department Help – There are still opportunities to become **Partners in Ministry** for our children one Sunday per month: **8:00am** 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays crib/toddler adult, **9:15am** 2nd Sunday greeter **9:15am** 2nd Sunday crib/toddler adult and **10:30am** 5th Sunday 2 crib/toddler adults, **10:30am** 2nd Sunday Wee Worship Leader. If you have any questions about these positions, please contact Dawn Fisher or Sarah Jones, or just sign up at the Children's Display area.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wonderful Wednesday- Don't forget to join us for our Spring Semester which begins on January 21st and concludes with the Passion Play on April 1st. Look for the sign-up sheets soon!

Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal- TODAY, right after second service until 1pm in the Sanctuary. Please try to attend this important rehearsal so the kids can practice their awesome roles for Christmas Eve.

Save The Date! – Sunday, January 11th from 2pm-5pm, Safe Sanctuaries Training in Fellowship Hall. This important training will be beneficial to all Partners In Ministry working with our children. Come and learn about Safe Sanctuary practices and the new laws for 2015!

BLT Activity- TODAY, December 21st. Christmas caroling! A covered dish dinner will take place at 5:00 pm before heading out at 5:45 to share Christmas carols with members of our homebound community. We will then meet back at church to share cookies and hot chocolate. (Usually between 7 and 8pm) If you wish to join in just for caroling, please meet at the church at 5:45. (If you are not accompanying your child a signed permission form MUST be filled out)

Christmas Ornaments – Throughout the years, we have had a wonderful volunteer make Christmas ornaments for the Children's Department. Please check out the display in the Narthex to see a sample of each year beginning in 1998!

Children's Department Newsletter- Are you receiving the Children's Department Newsletter by email? If not, contact Dawn Fisher or Sarah Jones to provide your email so you can receive this information packed Newsletter!

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

3G Christmas Extravaganza tonight! Join the church for the pot luck supper at 5 pm, followed by Christmas caroling at 5:45 pm.

Monday Night Football: 8:00pm-10:00pm This week's location: The Eaton's house. Sign up at timetosignup.com/kidscount to be a second adult.

Mission trip registration forms are due.

This year's **Zeteo: Dreamers** is January 30 - February 1. Sign ups for this high school conference sponsored by Salt 'n Light are now available. Consider joining us for this event! It's like impact but with beds and hot showers!

Confirmands - help with candle lighting on Christmas. Mark which service you attend in the sign up binder.

Confirmation Retreat - January 9 & 10. Fill out a permission form and sign up for food at www.timetosignup.com/kidscount.

Looking ahead to our Sunday evenings: December 28 - Sabbath Sunday

Mark your calendar for **Youth Sunday** happening on February 8 at both services.

POST HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE

Join us for an additional Sunday school class in the wedge of the youth lounge. Stop by and dialogue about faith and life together with your peers.

Mark your calendars for a time of hanging out and catching up while you are home for the holidays at the Eaton's house on January 8 from 7-9. Spread the word and bring a snack to share.



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jack, John, Paul & Michael O'Hara; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Ankerbrandt; and Evelyn, Lester & Larry Deckman, placed by Elaine O'Hara.

The maché basket is given to the glory of God and in memory of Gayle Elder Anderson, placed by her mother, Annabelle Elder, father Donald E. Elder and her husband, James Anderson.

Love and sympathy to the family upon the death of Paul Robinson on December 12, 2014.

Love and sympathy to the family upon the death of Kim Guyer's brother, Jeff Seidel, on December 12, 2014.

Love and sympathy to the family upon the death of Kaia Mullen's grandmother, Ellen Hare, on December 16, 2014.

Love and sympathy to the family upon the death of Chuck Kershner's sister, Catherine Ayers, on December 16, 2014. "*She's spending Christmas with her savior*"

Special Circumstances: Erma Rupp is at VibraLife; Betty Fribance is at The Oaks.

Men's Retreat 2015 - Save the Date - February 20-22 at Wesley Forest! You'll want to be a part of this incredible experience. Look for more information in the December/January newsletter.

Skating Party Mark your calendars now so you won't miss this fun family event. January 31, 4:30-6:30 pm at Olympic Skating Center in Enola.

Save your shoes! The youth are hosting a fundraising shoe drive. Hang onto those gently worn shoes and drop them off in our collection bin in the tower entrance. Shoes will go to those in need in other parts of the world and also benefit the youth 2015 mission trip

Don't forget our annual **Christmas covered-dish supper** at 5:00 pm on TODAY in Fellowship Hall, followed by caroling with our homebound members. Enjoy cookies and hot cocoa upon our return. No experience necessary, just a desire to spread Christmas cheer!

New Bible study "Living the Covenant" begins January 6. This eight-week study meets Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8 pm in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the main lobby.