



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2009 AT ORUCC

CHILDREN AND YOUTH TUESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER

6:00 p.m. December 1: Featuring Homemade Soup!

Nani Agbeli (our friend from Ghana) will be leading children/youth in games and drumming 6:30-7:45. All youth 2nd-7th grade are invited to this night of fun. Come for homemade soup at 6:00 p.m.

ALL AGES - CAROLING, CIDER AND COCOA

4-6 p.m. on Sunday, December 6th

We'll gather at the home of Mike and Ann Kehl, do some neighborhood caroling and come back for treats and cocoa or cider. All ages and musical abilities are welcome!!

ADVENT HALF-DAY RETREAT

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday morning, December 12 at the Hospice Center

Gather with others from ORUCC and Madison Mennonite for a quiet break in the midst of Advent. Retreat cost is \$15 and includes lunch. RSVP to winton@orucc.org

YOUTH CAROLING AND WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE

December 12, 3-6 p.m.

High School Youth will meet at church to go caroling, then return to church for a white elephant gift exchange and supper. Be creative with the white elephant gift you bring—the goal is not to spend any money for this gift! But if you are lacking in white elephant creativity, please don't spend more than \$5.00 on a gift.

LABYRINTH WALK

December 16-21.

We'll have a labyrinth in our Friendship Hall, open for walking, prayer, meditation. There will be both guided and open times.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

December 21 at 7:00 p.m.

This is a service for those of us living through dark times for any reason. We'll note the longest night of the year and our hope for emerging light with prayers, readings, silence and the music of Taize; the Labyrinth will be open as well.

SUNDAY MORNING ADVENT WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 29: PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

(Winton Boyd preaching)

Music by Senior Choir

DECEMBER 6: PILGRIMAGE OF PEACE

(Tammy Martens preaching)

Music by Senior Choir

DECEMBER 13: PILGRIMAGE OF JOY

(Ken Pennings preaching)

Music by Handbells

DECEMBER 20: PILGRIMAGE OF LOVE

(Winton Boyd preaching)

Music by Children, TRU Function, Senior Choir

DECEMBER 27: CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF GOD

5:00 P.M.

Music with our children, TRU Function
Carols, Christmas Story retelling, and family friendly
Candlelight service

10:00 P.M.

Traditional Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols with
Communion
Music with Senior Choir and John Stevens and Alumni Choir

GIVING TO OTHERS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

The Ministry of Christian Witness and Service invites you to consider a gift for the women and children who will be in the Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) Shelter during the holidays. ***There will be a giving tree in the church lounge with ornaments suggesting new items to be donated.*** The tree will be available on Sunday, November 29th.

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS pronounced "days") in Madison offers a wide array of crisis intervention and community education/prevention programs. These programs include a 24-hour Help Line, programming for children from violent homes, legal advocacy, emergency safety planning, and the only domestic violence shelter for all of Dane County.

In addition to temporary shelter, Domestic Abuse Intervention Services offers a drop-in community support group for women dealing with the effects of emotional, physical, and verbal abuse by a partner or ex-partner. Children are seen as primary consumers of DAIS services. Services to children include scheduling children's advocates to go out on crisis response appointments when children are present, play groups for children residing in the shelter, and parent/child bonding activities.

MITTEN TREE FOR NEARBY CHILDREN

Beginning November 29, our annual mitten tree will be in the lounge. This is a fun activity for knitters, fleece sewers and shoppers. We welcome mittens, hats, scarves, ear muffs, etc. After the holidays, these items are delivered to Joining Forces for Families on Russett Road and to nearby schools. If you have other suggestions of where to deliver them, please contact Cherie or Bruce Olsen (274-6299).

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS FOR MEN OF GRACE EPISCOPAL HOMELESS SHELTER.

Thanks to donations of duffle bags by Lands End, the shelter is able to give men a bag of useful items. The items being solicited all kinds of personal things like insulated gloves, stocking hats, white tube socks, deodorant, wash cloths and hand towels, chap sticks, and combs. Please put donations in the decorated box in the lounge. Items will be picked up on December 15.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP "POST OFFICE"

You are invited to send Christmas cards to members of the church through our post office. Cards are 40 cents and proceeds will support our youth summer mission trip. The post office will be available December 6, 13, 20. Please be sure to check for your own mail too!

Poinsettia Orders



Name _____

In Honor _____

In Memory _____

No. of plants _____ at \$15 each Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please collect your plant after late worship on December 24th.

Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, December 6