

DECEMBER 2018 SONLIGHT FAMILY JOURNAL

Kids Club News for December



It's December and Christmas is right around the corner...

and this Christmas we are collecting with the hopes of blessing the children in one of Melrose Elementary School's kindergarten classes. We will be filling shoeboxes for their class as Christmas gifts. The shoeboxes will need to contain items such as crayons, playdoh, markers, small coloring books, reading books, small toys, fun socks, treats, and candy (nothing homemade). Everything needs to be small enough to fit into a shoebox and be appropriate for kindergarteners. Our collection due date is on December 12th. Erica Colt will be putting the boxes together and distributing them. We look forward to helping with this project and spreading God's love to these young children and their families during this season as we celebrate Christ's birth.

For your calendar...

December 5th—5:30, Dinner & prize night

December 16th—2:00-3:00, Homeland Center Mission Project (please arrive at 1:45)

December 26th—No Kids Club, Christmas Break

January 26th—6:00, Popcorn Hat Players performing Little Red Riding Hood



YOUTH GROUP PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, December 15th 5pm to 11pm

Lots of food, fun, fellowship, celebrating Christmas with friends from youth group and our church.

Sign up!!! Bring a friend!!!!

WANTED! FEMALE ADULT LEADER

High School Youth Group

Sunday Nights – See Mike if you are the one.

NOVEMBER YOUTH GROUP NEWS



We had a great November in our youth group. One of the biggest and best events of our youth group year is our annual Fall Retreat. We spent the weekend at Highpoint camp fellowshiping with each other. Middle School and High Schoolers spent time playing lots of games, singing, sharing in small groups and hearing from

Joe Dentici from Penn State share on relationships. We looked at our relationship with God, with each other in the church, and with the lost. It was a challenging weekend. Many grew in their faith. It was a blessing to see how God was moving in the hearts and lives of our students. Here are some of their testimonies.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL - GOD TAUGHT ME ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS NOT ONLY WITH OTHERS BUT ALSO WITH MYSELF. I STRUGGLE WITH MY APPEARANCE AND I HAVE TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT GOD MADE ME FOR WHO I AM. I ALSO LEARNED TO SPREAD GOD'S WORDS WITH NON-CHRISTIANS AND NO MATTER HOW HARD IT IS TO KEEP TRYING. A SPIRITUAL DECISION I MADE WAS TO APOLOGIZE TO EVERYONE I HURT, AND COMMUNICATE ABOUT GOD TO MY FRIENDS.

High School Girl - God has challenged me in being more aware of the people in my life and to know what to say and not to say to people struggling in their faith. I need to be willing to make sacrifices to be sure I am fully living through Christ and not just living the life I want.



Middle School Guy - God taught me to spread the Gospel, "salt in the world". He also taught me that I need to grow spiritually.

High School Guy - This weekend God revealed to me the idols in my life and helped me start to think through how to enjoy these things while keeping my focus on God. God also challenged me in my desire to have deeper conversations with people and how to effectively evangelize to non-believers.



Birthdays

CHILDREN

- 2 – Deborah Majok
- 4 – Martial Wandja
- 9 – Grant Creason
- 10 – Sesuna Kidane
- 17 – Alyce Marsico
- 18 – Carmella Eckel
- 29 – Olivia Deitrick
- 30 – Mera Kamel

YOUTH

- 2 – DANIEL MARENGO
- 6 – SARAH MILLER
- 8 – CHARITY SKINNER
- 8 – ANNA ISSAY
- 15 – GILLIAM MCCLYMONT
- 17 – CALEB ABRAHAM

COLLEGE

- 2 – Daniel Marengo

