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THE SPIRE

OCTOBER 28, 2026



TRIVIA NIGHT











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BEL CANTO

In Concert

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH AT 7PM

Bel Canto Women's Ensemble is an all-volunteer women's choir, united by their love of making music along with their love of friendship and the power of women's voices. Their purpose is to create a welcoming and creative space that makes music accessible to all women and where every voice is valued. This excellent ensemble can be identified not only by the exceptional performances they present, but also by their black dresses and red shoes.

Their music and their shoes will be on display on **Friday, November 20, at First St. Charles UMC!** The concert is free, and will begin at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

Mark your calendars and get ready to experience an evening of musical excellence!

Backpack Program

The backpack program is well underway for this school year. We are serving 90 students at Lincoln & Monroe Elementaries each weekend. Last year we had so many generous people at FSC that volunteered time, dropped food in our bin, or donated money. Thank you so much!

We are always in need of food items- you can drop them off in the atrium. Thanks for your support!

Here is our current wishlist!

- **Creamy Peanut Butter (15-16oz, no larger)**
- **Fruit Cups**
- **Individually wrapped cookies, crackers & chips**
- **Oatmeal**
- **Canned Chicken**



FIRST KIDS HALLOWEEN FUN!













YOUTH & CHILDREN

Sponsored by
Youth & Children's Ministry

Winter Clothing Drive

Warm Hearts
— and —
Warm Bodies





We are collecting:

- Hats
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Jeans
- Boots
- Coats
- Sweaters
- Socks

Donations will be given to
Showers of Blessing Program
at First St. Charles UMC.

October 25th – November 8th

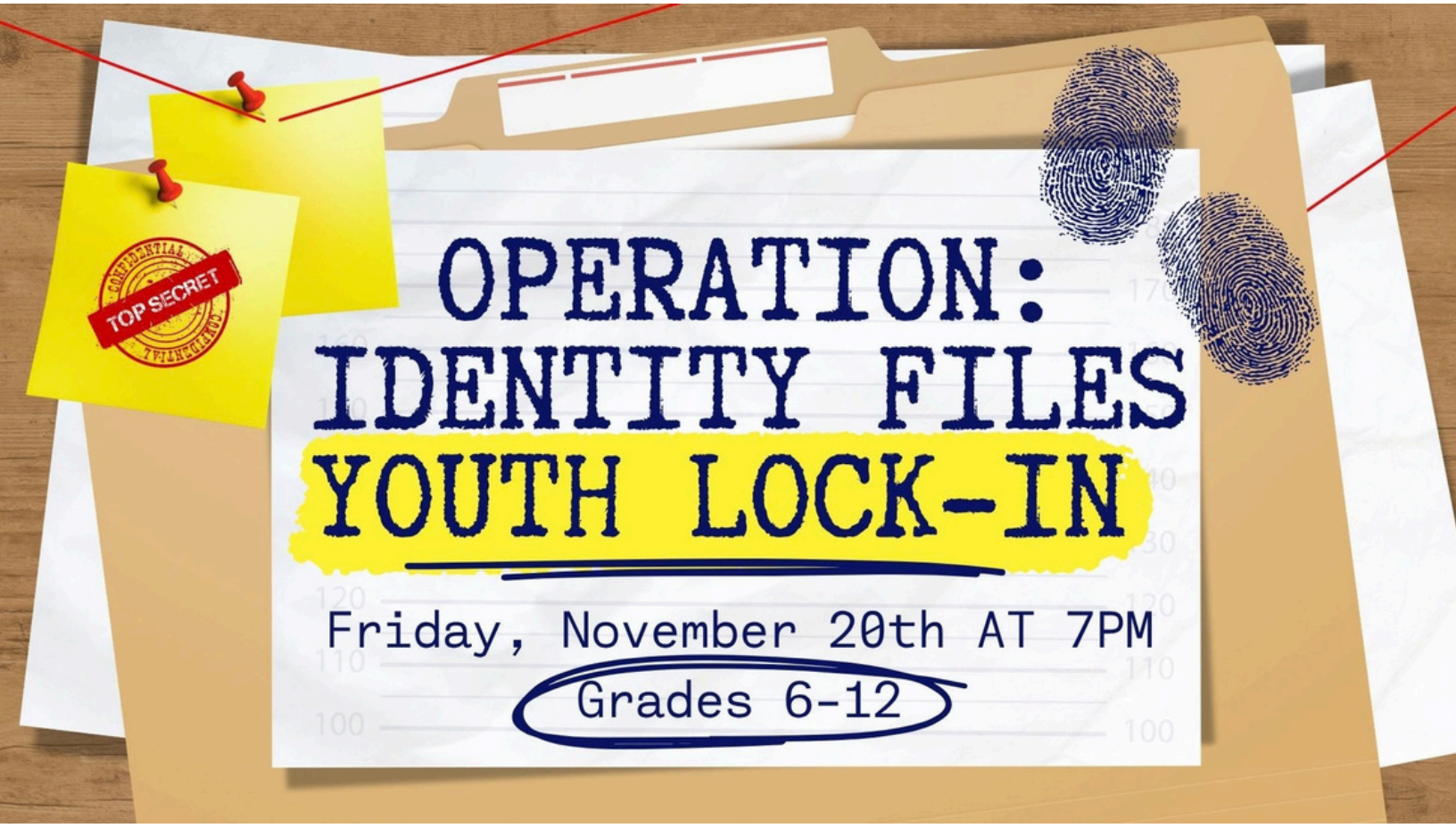
Children's Sunday School



Sundays at 9am
Check in at the First Kids desk!



Kindergarten-5th grade
upstairs in the gym



Re-Imagined CONFIRMATION

JOIN US FOR A JOURNEY EXPLORING CHRISTIAN FAITH AND METHODIST HISTORY

We will learn through hands-on adventures, friendships, prayer, and service.
Bring your questions.
Discover your faith story!

OUR MODEL

Instead of weekly Sunday School, we will have four intentionally designed and fun events!

- Stop #1: Discover your roots
- Stop #2: Explore with curiosity
- Stop #3: Find your rhythm
- Stop #4: Living/celebrating faith

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For questions, contact Ellie Stahr
estahr@firststcharlesumc.org

YOUTH

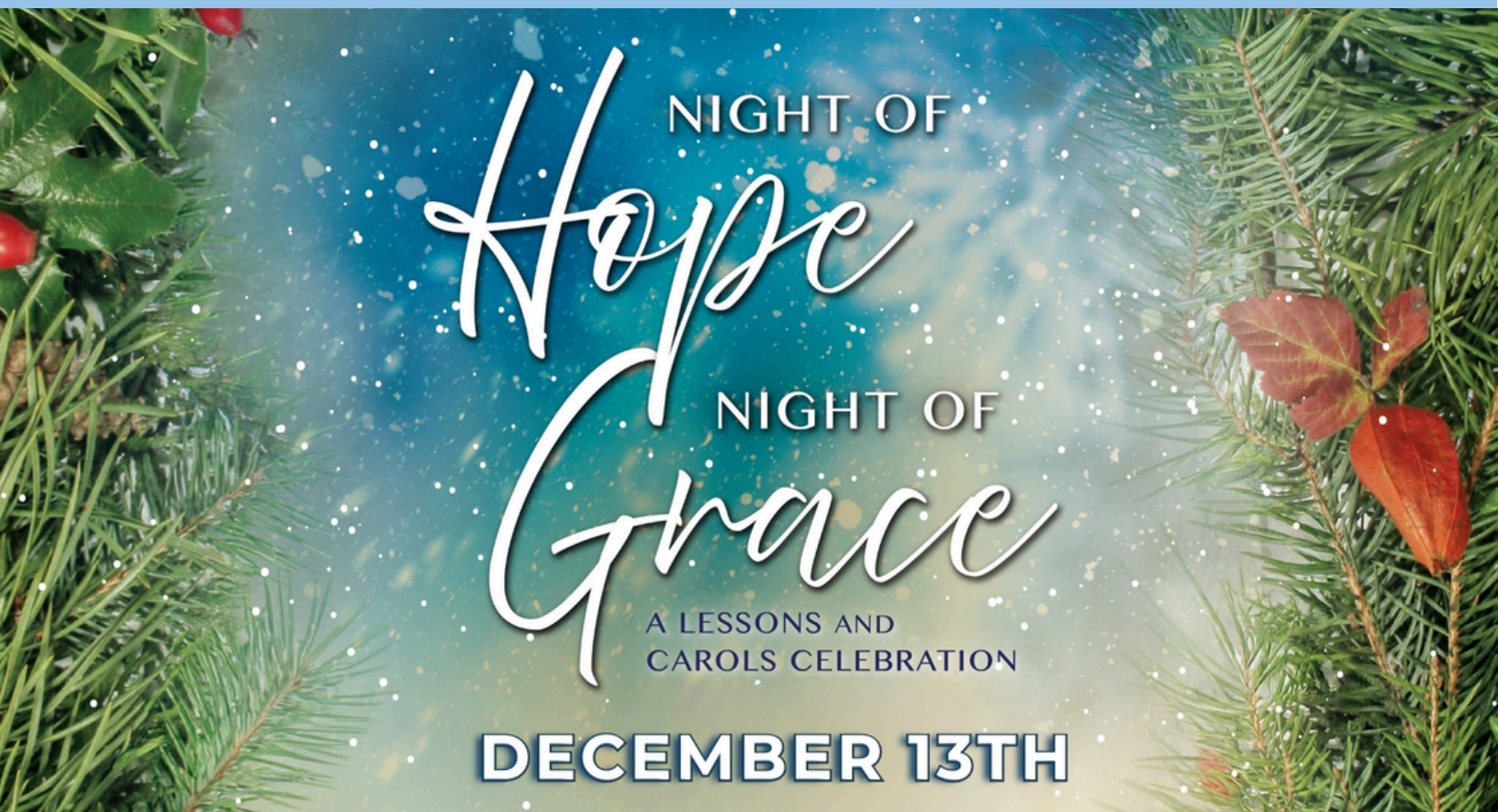

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
6TH-12TH GRADE
SUNDAYS AT 9AM DOWNSTAIRS IN THE BLUE YOUTH ROOM


YOUTH GROUP
Sundays at 5pm

YOUTH



ADVENT



JINGLE JAM BAKE-OFF

Enter your prized holiday cookie at our Jingle Jam event on 12/12 and the community will vote on their favorite cookie!

TO ENTER:

Drop off 3 dozen of your most famous holiday cookies on 12/10 (8am - 3pm)

Provide your cookie recipe to **mhunt@firststcharlesumc.org** by 12/7 so our guests can share your recipes with their family!

The winning recipe will be published in the 12/16 Spire, win a gift card to Grandma's Cookies and most importantly, earn bragging rights!

ADVENT

Decorating

All are welcome to help decorate the church for Advent on **November 22nd at 11am.** Lunch will be provided!

NURSERY

APPLY NOW

We're Hiring!

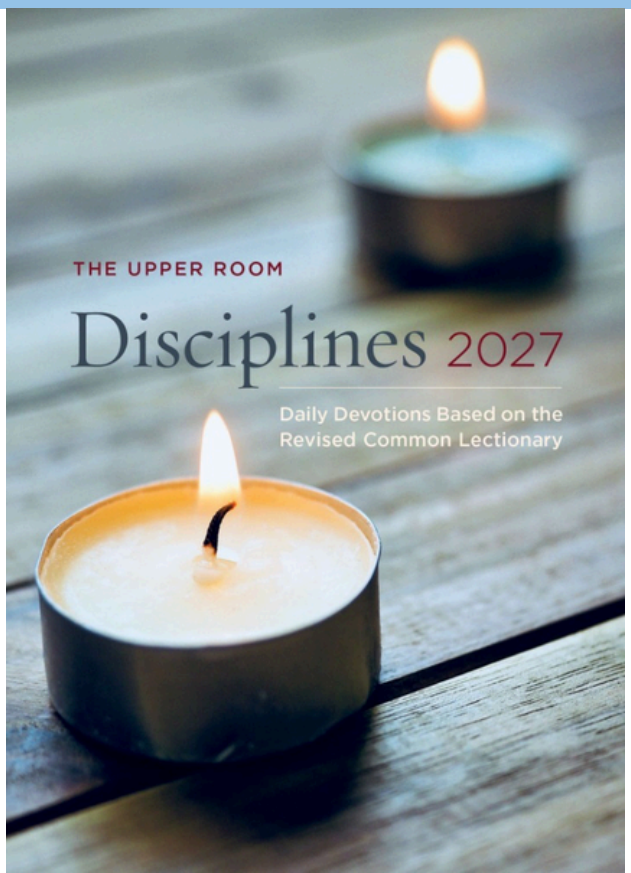
Nursery Caregiver

- Sunday mornings 8:45am-11am
- Curriculum Provided
- Starting at $15/per hour



Send your resume to contact@firststcharlesumc.org to apply!

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES



Order your 2027 *Disciplines* now!

This book includes 365 daily devotions designed to help readers become rooted in the teachings of God through meditations and scripture reading. Daily readings include a selected script a mediation on the scripture, and a prayer or suggestion for reflection. Each week has 7 devotions focusing on a particular theme that show how the ancient stories of the Bible relate to our lives today.

Available in regular print for $12 or large print for $14. To order, email **kroam@firststcharlesumc.org** by **December 1.**

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FISH PANTRY

ITEMS NEEDED:

PIE FILLING, MIXED/MISC VEGETABLES, JELLY, TOMATO SOUP, TOMATO SAUCE, PASTA SIDES, HAMBURGER HELPER/TUNA HELPER, MISC POTATOES (BOXED SCALLOPED, AU GRATIN ETC), PANCAKE SYRUP, WOMEN'S DEODORANT





Little Food Pantry

These are the most popular items for our pantry that serves our community –



tuna packets



granola bars



chili with beans



baked beans



fruit cups

You can drop food donations in the black bin in the atrium!

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Caregiver Support Group

Third Tuesday of the month
3 pm in room 300

QUESTIONS? CONTACT NICKI REYNOLDS:
NREYNOLDS6@CHARTER.NET



JOIN OUR WELCOME TEAM! IT'S THE BEST WAY TO MEET MEMBERS & GUESTS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, CONTACT OLIVIA!

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Showers of Blessing

NOVEMBER

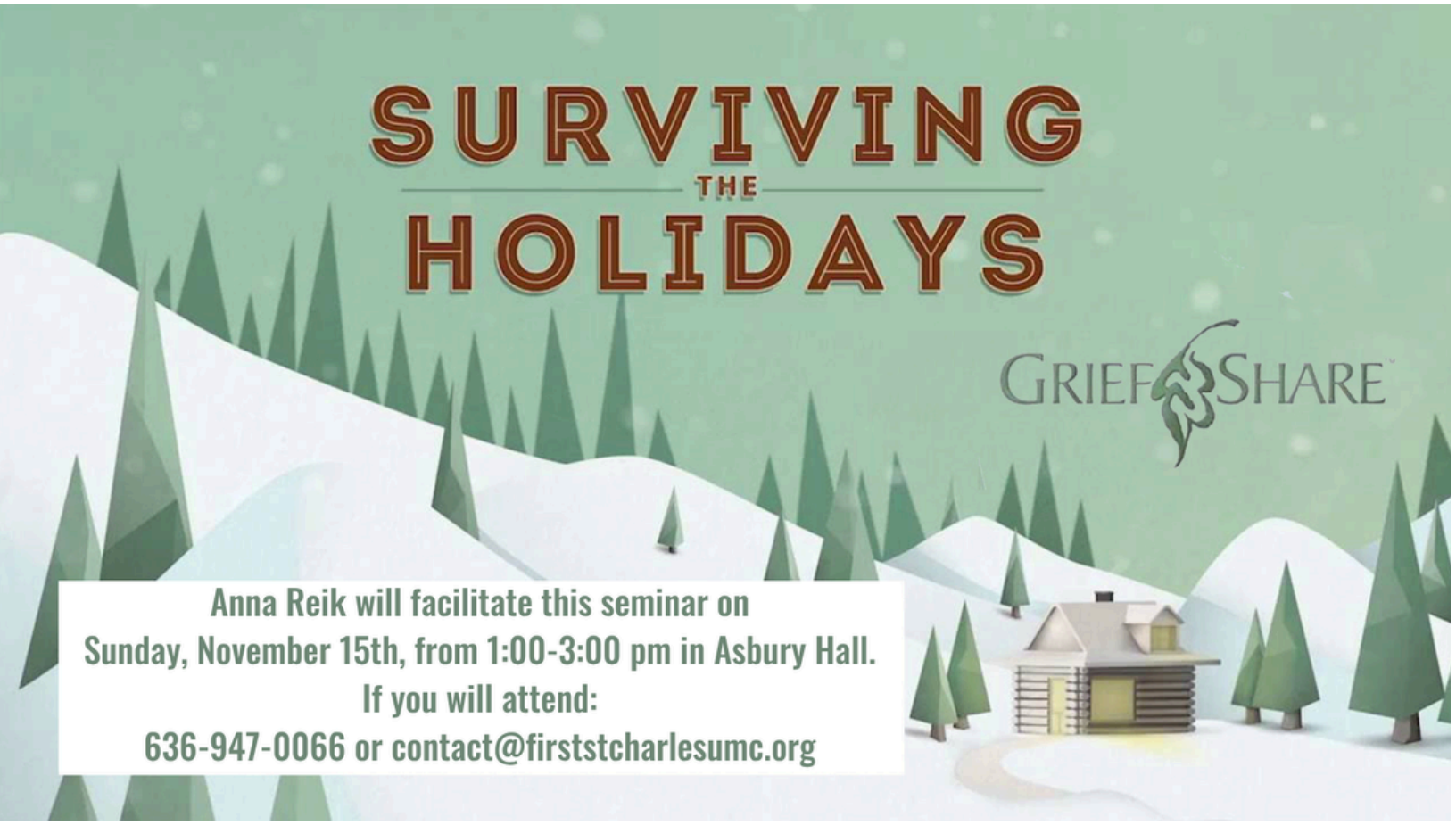


SHOWERS
VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

- Hot Hands
- Rain Ponchos
- Disposable razors
- Hoodies
- Men's jeans (sizes 30-34)
- Gloves

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NOVEMBER events

1 sun	**ALL SAINTS DAY** During worship our congregation will remember those who have passed
10/25-11/8	**WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE** All donations will be given to Showers of Blessing
15 sun	**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS** A serminar on navigating grief during the holiday season and finding hope for the future
15 sun	**COMMUNITY CARE** Third Tuesday of the month 8-10 am
17 tues	**55+ Thanksgiving Potluck** Third Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am
17 tues	**LGBTQ+ SMALL GROUP** Third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm
17 tues	**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** Third Tuesday of the month at 3 pm
20 fri	**YOUTH LOCK IN** 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for a lock-in at 7 pm
20 fri	**BEL CANTO CONCERT** A free women's chorale concert at 7 pm
22 sun	**ADVENT DECORATING** We will decorate the church for Advent at 11 am