

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12: 1 & 2

To facilitate growth in commitment to Christ and in connection to people through the church

High School Stuff

PHUNDAY NITE

November 7: Dinner & finishing the dots and the hand prints and other decorating ideas.

November 14: Dinner and a game

November 21: Dinner & a game

November 28: No Phun. Thanksgiving Weekend

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Let me know if you have any ideas of what themes and ideas you want to explore during Sunday School time. (If you want a particular adult to share, let me have the name.) We have lots of open dates from December through the end of the school year.

The schedule for November:

November 7: Dancing with Jennifer

November 14: Time with Tammie

November 21: More Time with Tammie

November 28: Advent Festival

December 19: Christmas Program.

We need some volunteers to 'shepherd' the small children in a variety of ways. It would be great if each one of you, the high schoolers, could model church participation for the younger children by taking part in the Christmas program.

OTHER NOVEMBER STUFF

November 12-14: OLYO Fall Gathering at Twin Rocks Retreat Center.

- Sign up now
- Your cost: \$75.00, due by Nov. 12
- Lots of fun with lots of high schoolers from all over Oregon
- Our departure from Eugene will be late morning on Friday and we'll be back in Eugene by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday
- Bring your Bible, clothing, personal items, rain gear and shoes that can get wet. Remember, it's November at the coast, so think layers and heavy mist!!

LOOKING AHEAD

December 10: *Voyage of the Dawn Treader* is opening on Friday. Let's go to the movie together, after watching the first two on CD?

Middle School Stuff

CONFIRMATION

November 3: Lesson-bring your Bible

November 10: Lesson-bring your Bible

November 17: Lesson-bring your Bible

November 24: Thanksgiving Eve service

REPORT FROM THE CARNIVAL: What a

success! We had twelve of our Emmaus families and fifteen to twenty Big Little School families-the biggest attendance ever! Even better, everyone left with smiles and lots of goodies. For the first time we came close to running out of candy. Great job, everyone-you were wonderful (g)hosts!

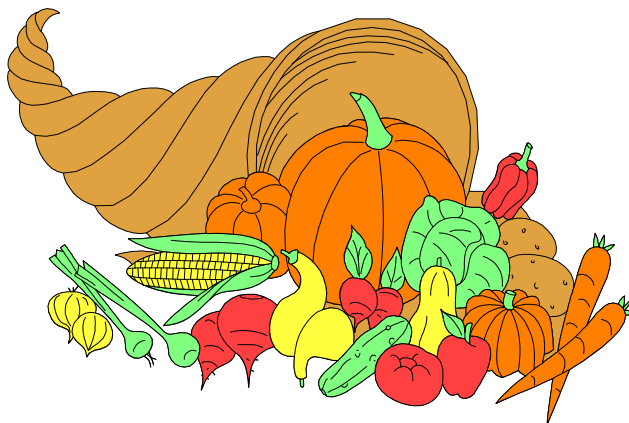
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Regular classes through November 21 with an Advent Faire on November 28. You will be asked to take some parts in the Christmas program. Be prepared to say YES!

Some General Stuff

EVERY TIME YOU COME TO CHUCH FROM NOW UNTIL NOVEMER 21, BRING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CANNED ITEMS WITH YOU. When you do, add your name to the Bread Bowl Board.

- Black Olives
- Green beans
- Corn
- Cranberries
- Chicken broth
- Fruit cocktail
- Jello
- Canned yams



Stuff from Me

Keep your focus on Jesus!

The Bible readings for November finish the letters of Paul. Now we begin the Old Testament where we learn about God's covenant dealings with the people he created. First comes the covenant with Adam & Eve, then moves on to the covenant with Noah and on to Abraham and his descendants. It's a long part of the Bible from Genesis through II Kings. And its a very messy part of the Bible, because we learn all about how people misbehave and disobey God, but how God continues working with people in spite of their actions. You'll find some of your most familiar Bible stories in the part of your readings.

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Summer Mission Trip Stuff

It has been decided! We will be serving with YouthWorks in Brooklyn, New York, beginning Sunday, July 3. This means that we will need to leave Eugene on Saturday, July 2. We will be a group of 65 to 70 people, so other churches will be involved, but the will be from other places in the United States and from other denominations. We will work with YouthWorks until Friday morning and then we will do our sightseeing in New York and return on July 11 or 12. What sightseeing we do will depend largely on what a majority of you want to do and how much money we raise.

As you are deciding whether you want to go on this trip, please consider:

1- Youthworks requires a non-refundable deposit. In other words, if you say you are going and I register you and you decide not to go, I will still need the registration fee.

2- After a certain date, usually sometime in January, I will not be able to add you to the group unless YouthWorks has room and that is very unlikely.

3- As we make additional plans, and pay deposits or buy tickets, if you drop out, I will still need your payment.

So make your plans accordingly.

Right now, the next step for planning this trip is to get a general count of who can go. So, I need you to fill out the attached commitment form and return it with a deposit of \$25. (This payment is non-refundable.)

The remainder of the family payment of \$288 can be paid in installments, but must be paid by May 31st.

Registration Covenant for Mission Trip 2010

- I commit to worshipping at Emmaus a minimum of one Sunday a month.
- I commit to worshipping at Emmaus a total of eleven Sundays before June 30.
- I commit to attending Sunday School a minimum of one Sunday a month.
- I commit to attending Sunday School a total of eleven times before June 30.
- I commit to participating in the worship or service life of Emmaus in at least one area, using the Time & Talent survey as a guide.
- I commit to participating in the fundraisers which include, but are not limited to:
 - Yard sale (tentative date June 18, with set up happening June 14-18) with a minimum of 3 hours on Saturday and 4 hours the set up week
 - 144 Envelopes (staffing the information table at church.) I will attempt to solicit a minimum of \$144 on my own.
 - Can and bottle recycling
 - Christmas tree pick up (tentative dates, Dec. 30, 31, Jan 2, Jan. 8, 9)
- I commit to attend the group meetings in preparation for the trip
- I commit to paying a family fee of \$288.00 by May 31, with a non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 when I return this form

Signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

