

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday, November 26**

8:00am—1:00pm—Etc. Shoppe Sale  
8:00am—12:00pm Children's Church & Nursery  
8:15am—Early Worship  
8:30am—Confirmation Mentoring  
9:30am—Classic Worship/Adult Sunday School Classes  
9:30am—11:45am—Children's Sunday School  
9:30am & 10:45am—Mid and High School Sunday Classes  
10:30am—Hanging of the Greens/Children's Choir  
10:45am—Contemporary Worship  
3:45pm—Confirmation Class

### **Monday, November 27**

9:00am—Preschool/Jesus, Paul and the Reformers  
12:00pm—Preschool Lunch Bunch  
4:30pm—Upward Basketball Practices

### **Tuesday, November 28**

9:00am—Preschool  
9:30am—Etc. Shoppe  
1:00pm—Women's 50+ Basketball  
3:30pm—Men's Discipleship Group  
4:30pm—Upward Basketball Practices  
5:45pm—Intermediate Spanish  
6:00pm—Boy Scout Troop #1  
6:30pm—Contemporary Worship Practice  
7:00pm—Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting  
7:30pm—Open Adult Basketball

### **Wednesday, November 29**

9:00am—Preschool/Tool-belt Ministry/Mom's Connection  
10:00am—Pickleball  
12:00pm—Preschool Lunch Bunch  
1:00pm—Grief Share  
3:00pm—Senior Basketball-HORSE  
6:30pm—Praise Band Rehearsals/AA/Brassbyterians/Jesus in the Gospels  
7:00pm—Open Adult Volleyball  
7:30pm—Young Professionals

### **Thursday, November 30**

6:30am—Men's Breakfast Study  
9:00am—Parents Morning Out/Preschool  
10:00am—Women's Bible Study/Senior Ladies Basketball  
4:30pm—Upward Basketball Practices  
5:45pm—Beginning Spanish Class  
6:30pm—Cub Scouts/Vera's A Joyful Noise Practice  
7:00pm—Choir Practice

### **Friday, December 1**

9:00am—Preschool  
12:15pm—Kids Love to Dance  
6:30pm—Preschool Art and Dessert Night

### **Saturday, December 2**

11:00am-8:00pm—Nativity Display



## **Sandia News 11/26/17**

**TODAY'S MESSAGE:** This morning's sermon title is, "Joy. Prayer. Gratitude," referencing 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** 8:15 Early worship in the Sunrise Chapel; 9:30 Classic worship in the Sanctuary; 10:45 Contemporary worship in the Sunrise Chapel.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** will take place immediately after the 9:30 service today. Many hands are needed and we are usually done within two hours. If you can only give us an hour, we'll take it!! It's fun and uplifting! Get a head start on your Christmas spirit!

**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP** has ended for the year, but we will start back up January 17. Look for details in January for new and continuing class offerings.

**2017 ANGEL TREE.** Christmas is coming soon and Angel Tree's goal is to reach children of prisoners who hope for a Christmas filled with joy. Angel Tags are available in Fellowship Hall this morning. Return gifts by December 10. Delivery of gifts will be between December 11-18.

**COMMUNITY NATIVITY DISPLAY.** The 14th annual Sandia Community Nativity Display will be held in the Family Life Center on Saturday Dec. 2nd from 11AM-8PM and Sunday Dec. 3rd from 8AM-12PM. If you would like to contribute your nativity set (s) to the display, setup will be on Friday from 5PM-8PM and Saturday from 8AM-11AM. Hundreds of nativity sets from around the world will be displayed, each a unique expression of Christmas joy. If you would like to participate by bringing nativity set(s), helping with setup, takedown, or providing refreshments for our guests, please contact David or Victoria Bytwerk at dbytwerk@gmail.com, v.l.moffatt@gmail.com, or 616-481-1977. We would love to have you as part of the event.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS TODAY** in the west end of Fellowship Hall, 9:00am—11:00am.

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** works with communities to end hunger and poverty. With gifts of animals and training, they help families improve their nutrition and generate income. The animals Heifer gives include chickens and ducks for eggs, goats for milk, sheep for wool, water buffalo for plowing fields, bees for pollination, and of course, heifers. SPC has a long history of supporting Heifer during Advent. We will have a table in Fellowship on Nov. 26 and Dec. 3 collecting donations for this worthwhile cause. Also, Steve and Keri Sobolik are looking for someone to take over this fundraiser from them. If you are looking for a way to get involved in serving others with an annual, short-term commitment, and helping communities feed and support themselves is the type of ministry that touches your heart, come talk to Steve & Keri at the table, or call them at 292-3959.

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT.** Advent by Candlelight is an opportunity for women of all ages to spend a lovely evening reflecting on the meaning of Christmas and preparing their hearts for the birth of the child who is the Light of the world. This event will take place Sunday, December 3, at 6:00pm. Dessert will be served in the Family Life Center and the program will be in the Sanctuary. Table hostess sign-ups start this morning after each service. Ticket sales will start November 12. Childcare will be available for a fee.

**SPC-WIDE WORKDAY** Saturday, December 2nd, from 9:00 AM to noon, we will have a workday to spruce up both interior and exterior areas of our wonderful facilities. We will provide the cleaning supplies. Bring your gardening tools and gloves if you want to do outside work. Your efforts will get SPC facilities ready for the Christmas season while enjoying some wonderful fellowship. You can help us plan the day's activities by calling the church office to let us know you will be joining us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO.** The Choir Christmas program this year will take place on Sunday December 10th at 3 pm. This worship experience is entitled "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" as the carols say "Glory to God in the Highest". Please plan on celebrating Christ's birth through a Festival of Lessons and Carols along with the Choir, Bell Choir, Brassbyterians, string quartet and other musicians. Please invite your friends and family to join us. We hope you will find it an enriching, edifying and an inspiring addition to your enjoyment of the Christmas season.



## SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

**8:15am** - Early Worship Service in Sunrise Chapel (SRC)

**9:30am** - Classic Service in Sanctuary + Adult Sunday School Classes

**10:45am** - Contemporary Worship in SRC + Adult Sunday School Classes

### CHILDREN AGE 5 AND UNDER:

- **CONTINUOUS PROGRAMMING** from 8am-11:45am
- **8:15 Service** - Childcare for age 5 and Under in the NURSERY
- **9:30 Service & 10:45 Service** - Children's Message for age 2yrs - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, followed by dismissal to Children's Church at 9:30 and Sunday School at 10:45 (2-3s in TODDLER NURSERY, 4-5s in PRESCHOOL ROOM)

### K-5<sup>th</sup> GRADERS:

**8:15 Service:** K-5<sup>th</sup> graders attend the service with their family.

**9:30 & 10:45 Service:**

- After the Children's Message, K-5<sup>th</sup> Children's Church starts in the EXALTATION STATION (9:30) and for K-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday School (10:45) look for room assignments in hallway.
- Parents going to Sunday School may drop K-5<sup>th</sup> grader(s) off in the FILMATION STATION at 9:30 or 10:45 for children's worship.
- After 9:30 service, K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders may be picked up at 10:30 from the Exaltation Station. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders will be dismissed to meet their parents.
- After 10:45 service, see the board in hallway for rooms for K-3<sup>rd</sup> pick-up at 11:45. 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders dismissed to meet their parents.

### **10:30 – 11:00: CHILDREN'S CHOIR in Exaltation Station**

- Children may stay after Children's Church to attend Children's Choir.
- At 11:00, we will transfer all choir children to Sunday School if not picked up.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS**

**K-5th CHILDREN'S CHOIR** meets every Sunday from 10:30-11am in the Exaltation Station. We will transfer kiddos to Sunday School at 11:00.

**CHRISTMAS PARENTS NIGHT OUT** on Friday, December 8th 5-9pm - for babies through 5th graders. Parents can go out to dinner, attend a holiday party, or just have some quiet time at home. Minimum Donation of \$15/child or \$50/family. All proceeds go directly to YOUTH MISSIONS. Register at the table in the children's hallway. Volunteers Needed to make the night a success. Please email Jennie Jacobson at [jenniej@sandiapres.org](mailto:jenniej@sandiapres.org) to get involved in a fun evening!

## **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** continue at 9:30am & 10:45am for Middle School and 9:30am for High School!

**CONFIRMATION** continues to meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:45-5:15pm until Christmas!

**LUNCH BUNCH** on November 27th will be at Sandia High School! Put in your lunch order by 9pm on November 26th.

**NOVEMBER YOUTH EVENT** postcards were mailed! If you didn't get one, please contact the Youth Office!

**ADVENT DOOR DECORATING CONTEST!** Start gathering ideas, supplies, and a team of 3-4 students for November 26th!

**STUDENT EVENT SCHEDULES WANTED:** Please bring or send in your sports, band, recital schedules to Halecia, so that we can attend your events this fall and winter!

**COMMITMENT CARDS** will be passed out November 26 and December 3. They will be collected on December 10.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS.** Please sign up to help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Dedicate your poinsettia in memory or honor of special people and take it home after the last Christmas Eve service. Each poinsettia is \$10. Sign-up sheets and payment envelopes are at the Welcome Center in Fellowship Hall and the Sunrise Chapel. Deadline to order is December 17.

**UPWARD VOLUNTEERS:** Our 16th season of Upward Basketball is getting set to start at SPC and there are many areas where you can become involved. We still need coaches and we always need referees. We will have training clinics. We also need folks to share a brief half-time devotion on game days, help setting up the gym for game day, cleaning up after games are over. Please contact Mike Molony or Crystal Jackson at 856.5040, [michaelm@sandiapres.org](mailto:michaelm@sandiapres.org), or [crystalj@sandiapres.org](mailto:crystalj@sandiapres.org).

**THE WORSHIP TEAM** is searching for more volunteers to help with ushering/greeting at the 9:30 service and communion preparation for communion Sundays. If you would be interested in helping with either of these activities or if you have questions, please contact Mary Seal (ushering/greeting), [m.a.seal.rdr@gmail.com](mailto:m.a.seal.rdr@gmail.com), or David Ohms (communion), [dandbohms@gmail.com](mailto:dandbohms@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY PRAYER MINISTRY.** Join us every Sunday from 9:30 - 10:30am in the Prayer Room. Anybody is welcome, your only qualification is your availability. Our focus will be praying for the church and other needs as they arise.

**CELEBRATION:** We celebrate "Dads at Sandia Pres." this past Saturday, a gathering of fathers of infant and school age children at SPC. With more than 80 families consistently involved in SPC's worship and community these days, many and all dads were invited. 20 dads attended. They got to know one another and discussed ways to get involved in ministry together. Look for info on future "dads' events" as well!



God has a purpose for us on this earth. That calling is to be on mission for God where He has placed us. And since many people spend the majority of their waking hours on the job, we have to stop compartmentalizing life into "spiritual activities" and "work activities." How are we living examples of the gospel while we work? You're invited to the 2017 Work as Worship Retreat, where eleven influential business leaders and pastors will discuss what it looks like to connect faith and work. Taking place as a 1-Day Local Church Retreat on February 23, 2018, the live event in Dallas will be web-streamed to over 2,000 churches around the world, **including here at SPC!** This is a conference presented by RightNow Media, the "Netflix of Bible study," that is offered as a free service to our congregation. Go to [www.workasworshipretreat.org](http://www.workasworshipretreat.org) to learn more or register for the retreat.

**RIGHTNOW MEDIA** is a video service that has over 2,000 discipleship videos for kids, youth and adults. If SPC is your church home, RightNow's "Netflix of Bible studies" is available to you and your family - FREE! Just email Dawn Gray at [dawng@sandiapres.org](mailto:dawng@sandiapres.org) to get your invitation to create an online account for access to this great resource!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** TaxHelp NM, which helps low income taxpayers file free federal and state tax returns, needs volunteers for the 2018 filing season (2/1/18-4/17/18). No tax preparation experience needed. Contact Walter Blood (505—823-2718 or [w.blood505@comcast.net](mailto:w.blood505@comcast.net)) for information about training and work opportunities. AARP, which helps seniors file tax returns, also needs volunteers and you may contact Walter or Dewey Johnson (505-344-1741) about that work.

## **SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES FOR ADULTS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** is the third most popular prayer among Christians, yet, there is an amazing lack of clarity as to what one seeks in this prayer. Rev. Dewey Johnson will teach a 6-week course from his book, *The Lord's Prayer: Hope for the Neighborhood*, in Room 214 at 9:30 and repeated at 10:45 on Sundays from Oct. 15 through Nov. 19.

**THE TECH-WISE FAMILY.** This class is a discussion of biblical values to guide good choices about how kids, parents, and grandparents use technology at home. Taught by Rev. Matt Pooley in Room 219 at 9:30 on Sundays from Oct. 15 through Nov. 19.

**A LITTLE LUTHER...Went a Long Way.** The Sunday School class CrossCurrents is studying and discussing Martin Luther as we celebrate 500 years of the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther sparked the Reformation that changed Christianity and Western culture. Led by Greg Chalmers and Margi Zoucha on Sundays in Room 218 at 10:45.

**BEVERAGES IN THE SANCTUARY AND SUNRISE CHAPEL.** Recently there have been numerous spills in the sanctuary and Sunrise Chapel. Our preference is that only water be taken into these areas. If you must take beverages with you, we ask that they be covered. And should you have a spill, please tell Business Manager Tom Emigh or an usher. The sooner the spill is cleaned up the better. Thanks for your cooperation.

**\*\*Have ministry news that needs to appear in the weekly Sandia News or E-News? Contact Dawn Gray, [dawng@sandiapres.org](mailto:dawng@sandiapres.org), or Crystal Jackson, [crystalj@sandiapres.org](mailto:crystalj@sandiapres.org), for deadline and submission details. You can also contact them by phone at 505.856.5040.\*\***