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# KidsUpdate

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A newsletter for the parents of children in the Faith Church Children's Ministry

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## Mark your calendar

- January 8 — Normal Sunday School schedule resumes
- January 29 — Funny Munny Store
- February 5 — February missions emphasis begins: Todd & Kristi Hiltibran with Reach Global Europe
- February 26 — Funny Munny Store
- March 26 — Funny Munny Store
- March 30 — Family Rollerskating Night at Castle Skateland
- April 7 — Kids Easter Celebration and Parents Night Out
- April 9 — Palm Parade
- April 16 — Easter Sunday
- May 16-18 — Preschool VBS
- June 19-22 — Elementary VBS

## A Word from Miss Mary Lee

Praise the Lord for a wonderful Christmas season and the opportunity to rejoice in our Savior's coming to earth.

In this issue of the *KidsUpdate*, you will find some pictures of our children participating in the Christmas Eve Gift Bag Giveaway. They decorated the gift bags, plus they filled them with various treat items. I loved watching them intently fill each bag to make sure everything

was included. We distributed 270-280 gift bags at the Pebble Brooke Apartments, and had enough leftover to bless nearly 30 residents and some staff at the Union Township Otterbein Nursing Center.

Special thanks to those who helped Kari and me distribute the gift bags: The Adams, Blevins, Blodgett, Hammar, Jorden, and Phillips' families, Toni Hensley, and Tracy Hope.

Thanks for all the ways you helped make Christmas special for me. Church families kept me busy from Christmas Eve through the day after Christmas, and I also received many sweet cards-some very special ones from kids. You are all very dear to me!!!

*Mary Lee*



## Christmas Eve Gift Bag Giveaway





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## Note-taking Sheets for Kids

As a parent, I'm sure you want to encourage your children to attend worship services with you. It can be great for them to participate in worship and learn from the sermon, but it can sometimes be challenging to keep them engaged during the message itself.

Thanks to Wendy Edwards, one of our parents, we now have a resource you can use to help your child stay more

engaged while listening to the message. This note-taking sheet is designed with kids in mind, offering a place to write down Scripture references, questions they have, notes that were on the screen, as well as a place to doodle and answer the question, "What's the Point?"

Copies of this note-taking sheet will be available on the table in the Children's Wing near the Nursery rooms.

## Upcoming Events

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!**



**Membership Class — January 15, 2017, at 10:45 a.m. in Room 8A**

In going through various records in our church database, we have noticed that many of you are shown as an "Attendee" rather than a "Member" of Faith Church. Of course, we're thrilled to have you as part of our fellowship, but I want to encourage you to consider becoming an official member of the church.

I believe there are a number of benefits to being a member:

- You have the opportunity to select leaders for the church by voting in our annual elections.
- You become eligible to serve in one of the elected roles in our church.
- You are able to vote on the church budget (which determines how we spend the offerings we receive).
- You become eligible to have a "say" in how we

move forward as a congregation, such as the governance proposal.

I believe our young families need to be involved in helping determine where we are heading as a church body. Please consider participating in this class on January 15.



**Funny Munny Store — January 29, February 26, and March 26, 2017, after each Sunday School hour**



**Family Rollerskating Night at Castle Skateland — March 30, 2017, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**



**Kids Easter Celebration and Parents Night Out — April 7, 2017, 6:30-9:00 p.m.**

**Palm Parade — April 9, 2017, during each S.S. hour**

**Easter Sunday — April 16, 2017**



**Preschool Vacation Bible School — May 16-18, 2017, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Elementary Vacation Bible School — June 19-22, 2017, 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**