



Somehow, not only for Christmas, But all the long year through, the joy that you give to others, is the joy that comes back to you. And the more you spend in blessing, the poor and lonely and sad, the more of your heart's possessing, returns to you glad.

John Greenleaf Whittier .



DEC. MOPPET CURRICULUM:

Lesson: Be Joyful Always

Memory verse: 1 Thess. 5:16

Biblical Example: Peter heals the crippled beggar

****Special Reminder:** At the January meeting don't worry about getting dressed-- come in your PJs! We'll be watching *A Veggie Tale Movie: The Pirate's Who Don't Do Anything***

PLAYTIME EVENT:

Thursday, December 11th
McDonald's Luncheon & Playtime
@ 11:30 PM

Tuesday January 13th
Romp 'n Stomp (Former Pinnacle
Gymnastics Bldg.) @ 9:30am
(\$6/child up to age of 5 includes
snack, under age of 2 free)



Hospitality Report

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to bring delicious food for our morning and evening meetings this month. It is a busy time and we appreciate your willingness to serve. This month we will be giving away a gift certificate to Cantina Per Vini. This is a great local restaurant, perfect for a romantic couple's night out! There will be seasonal prizes for a fun Nativity game we plan to play during our evening meeting. Good luck to all! Please refrain from taking a ticket if you have won a prize in the past to allow others a chance to win. Hope you find some quiet time with your family to gather around your Christmas tree to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and the joy it brings.

Merry Christmas!! Brittany Peters and Ingrid Harpster
(Hospitality)



Babysitter For Hire

Kristyn Boyland is 13 and has been certified by the American Red Cross for babysitting. As the eldest of four, she has experience with infants, preschoolers and elementary aged children. 330-410-3524.

Daughter of: Joy Boyland

References: Jennifer
Anderson & Cori
Knutson.



MOM'S NIGHT OUT EVENT

Tuesday, December 9th

Ornament Exchange
Christmas Party
@ 7:00 PM

Friday January 16th

Italian Dinner @ Bravo in
Montrose @ 7:00pm



"...how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ..." 1 COR. 13:14

Harvest MOPS Amusement Park Guide

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Harvest Presbyterian Church
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Coordinator's Report

We are so blessed and have so much to be thankful for! It was really neat to see several moms walk away with their arms full of clothing and toys that came from many of you! I am sure that we were able to bless many more families in Medina County through the two trunk loads of donations that were made AFTER our MOPS Moms Swap Shop! Thanks for getting your gently used items together and making this swap the success that it was.

Our participation in the Candlelight Walk was different this year from the years past. First, we didn't have a table out on the square, rather, we were out of the harsh elements and inside Cafe 41:11 where it was nice and warm. Another difference is that we didn't sell any cookies - we just gave them away! Several Steering Team members were present on Friday and Saturday to hand out cookies and were available to anyone that was interested in MOPS. You never know how God works and its possible that a seed was planted through a child or teen that saw one of our little MOPS tags on a bag of cookies! Thank you to each of you who baked cookies! It was an awesome opportunity to partner with Cafe 41:11 in serving our community and we couldn't have done it without your support. Let me encourage you to experience Cafe 41:11 for yourself and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate this season!

We were able to fill (or should I say "stuff") 8 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child thanks to your generous participation. A personal note of encouragement and a picture of your discussion group were also included. Hopefully this was a fun and inexpensive way to demonstrate to your children about giving to others during this holiday season.

Now that Thanksgiving is behind us, Christmas is quickly approaching. What do you feel this time of year? Peace on earth? Joy to the world? Or pressure to make everything about your holiday picture-perfect? Relax. The Ultimate Party Planner, God Himself, orchestrated Jesus' birth. Think about what that looked like: a small town scandal, a difficult journey with a lukewarm welcome at the end of it, culminating in His Son being born in a grubby stable. Hardly the sort of event that would make anybody's Best Party of the Year list. On the surface, it was all-wrong. According to God's plan, it was perfect. This Christmas, let's encourage one another to be a little more like Mary (Martha's sister, not Jesus' mom) and focus on what's really important. So your home doesn't look like a Pottery Barn catalog cover. So your dinner doesn't look like a Martha Stewart special. So your rendition of Away in a Manger doesn't sound like Beyonce's. So what? Enjoy the season and let's show our children how to celebrate the gift, not the wrapping.



Upcoming Speaker's

Speaker: Marla Holmes
Park Location: "Cotton Candy Stand"
Topic: Kids in the Kitchen/Budget Meal Planning
Date: December 4th

Speaker: Cornerstone Drama Team
Park Location: "Amphitheater"
Topic: Christmas Presentation
Date: December 15th

Speaker: Cori Knutson
Park Location: "First Aid Station"
Topic: CPR-First Aid
Date: January 8th

Speaker: Mitch Brown
Park Location: "The Midway"
Topic: Financial Peace
Date: January 19th



December Anniversaries

Jill & Christopher Renner 12/8
Julie & Michael Hatfield 12/15



December Birthdays

Jen Smith 12/6
Penny Ames 12/22



December Housekeeping Duty:
Cotton Candy



December Moppets Duty:
(On Call)
Onion Rings