



A Children's Ministries' Newsletter

Kidz4Jesus

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Sunday School

Ms. Liz did a great job her first time out teaching Sunday School in December—Thank you! I enjoyed teaching at the 9:15—Christmastime is always such a fun time to be teaching!

For the new year we welcome 'first timers', Dave and Amy Mulcahy and 'seasoned' favorite, Denise Lipka into the Sunday School classrooms. So grateful for these volunteers!

We will be concentrating on Jesus' life and teachings this year, helping the children to better know and follow Him. After all, Jesus IS the reason we are 'Christians'

HALLELUJAH!!!

Marc Adams has been offered and has accepted the position of 'Youth Director/Worship Leader' at FUMC! He starts on January 8th and we are looking so forward to having him join us. Our Team is now COMPLETE!
Thanks be to GOD!!



Mission Sunday

January 14th!

Let's bring cans of soup to Sunday School to help keep folks fed and warm during the month of January!

January, 2018

A Word from Ms. Karyn:

Hello Families of FUMC—and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I'm a bit later with this newsletter as I have had two LONG weeks off! What a gift! I enjoyed family and 'down time', all of which rejuvenated me for the year ahead in our Children's Ministry!! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmastime with family and friends. I hope that many of you were able to participate in this year's Family Christmas Eve service—it was rather extraordinary, I thought; giving EVERY child the opportunity to be part of the Christmas story! Let me know what your family thought of that experience!

SO, 2018 is here and with the new year, many of us make our annual resolutions, only to have them disappear into the mist by March (if we even make it that long!!) Maybe this year we can ALL look to our first Sunday School lesson of the year, where Ms Liz shared the biblical passage in Luke 18, where Jesus is asked, "How do I have eternal life?" Jesus answers clearly that to have eternal life one must follow Him, and to truly do that successfully, one must give up anything that keeps him/herself from a close relationship with Him. The children decided what ONE thing they need to GIVE UP, or DO, this year, to grow closer to Jesus, and they each cut out a large number '1' which they placed in their homes in order to remind them daily of the ONE thing they have promised to do..... Maybe this is a good route to our own resolution-making this year! What can I DO or GIVE UP this year so that I may have a closer relationship with Him??? Could it be my shopping habits? Eating habits? Cursing? Giving more time to my neighbors and/or my church? I'm praying about mine, how about YOU? May 2018 bring you into closer relationship with Jesus Christ.



Calling all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders!

Would you like to have the honor of being an acolyte?

New Acolyte Training!

We will train NEW acolytes on Sunday, January 14th after 11:00 worship. The training lasts about an hour. I will be ordering pizza for you all so I need to know how many will be attending. This is a wonderful, early opportunity for children to experience serving their church. Please encourage your child(ren) to participate. The children serve on a rotating basis about every 6-8 weeks, depending on the number of acolytes that we have.

"Breakfast With St. Nicholas"

We raised \$661.00 for "The Caring Place"

They were so grateful and used the funds to make Christmas a little bit more special for those living in their shelter.

THANK YOU!