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FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

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If you have an item to put in the newsletter, please submit it to Susie Hoffman by the 3rd. Sunday of the month. Susie's email address is fcogrisingsun@gmail.com

Pastor's Meditation December 2018.

A Merry Christmas to All! Yes, Christmas is in the air. The church has had the Hanging of the Greens service, trees and lights are up, manger scenes are on display, we're bombarded with sales and gift ideas, it's that time of the year. Along with all of the stuff of Christmas, we also have Christmas music.

I enjoy Christmas music during the Christmas season. I'll listen to 101.5 The River, as they play continuous Christmas music throughout December. I like special holiday channels on Spotify and Sirius XM. I like just about any and all Christmas songs, but there's one Christmas song that took me a while to warm up to, "The Little Drummer Boy."

"The Little Drummer Boy" was written in 1941 by a classical music composer and teacher named Katherine Kenicott Davis. Davis was a school music teacher, and wrote over 600 pieces of music in her lifetime. The majority of the pieces she composed were for school choirs. "The Little Drummer Boy" was originally composed to be sung by a choir. It was first recorded in 1951 by the Trapp Family Singers, but the 1958 recording by the Harry Simeone Chorale exploded the song's popularity.

Although there isn't any reference to a drummer boy in the Christmas story in

Matthew 1-2 or Luke 2, the point of the carol goes to the meaning of worship. "The Little Drummer Boy" describes how a boy is summoned by the Magi to the scene of Jesus' birth. Unlike the wise men the drummer has no gift, so he gives what he has. He plays his drum, saying, "I played my best for Him."

This echoes the kind of worship Jesus described when He told of the widow and her two coins: " 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus said, 'this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on' " (Luke 21:3-4).

All the drummer boy had was his drum and all the poor widow had were her two coins, but the God they worshiped was worthy of their all. Jesus is worthy of our all as well, having given His all for us.

"The Little Drummer Boy" has been played on radio stations every Christmas since 1951. The song has been recorded every year since 1951 by performers ranging from Johnny Cash & Johnny Mathis to Jimi Hendrix, King Diamond, & Earth, Wind & Fire. Whenever you hear "The Little Drummer Boy" this Christmas season, remember that your little is a lot when you give your all. Give your all to Jesus, and worship fully this Christmas season.

To our Congregation Families,



Please come to enjoy the same experience that we are sharing with our KFC's kids. Please join us for **"ONE STARRY NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM"**

Wednesday, December 12, anytime between 5:15-6pm.

Snacks and drinks will be available after your adventure.

FOOD, FUN, AND FANTASTIC HOLIDAY ART

Sponsored by FCOG Ladies' Breakfast Club.

December 8, 9am. Fun and Paint & Take Art (to be paid in advance by cash or check) Sign up sheets are on the clip boards.



Come and unleash the Artist in You!

The Women's Breakfast Club and the Men's Yacht Club are once again celebrating Christmas with a joint breakfast at the home of Rick and Terri Allen (142 Euclid, Bradner) on December 15th at 8:30 a.m. (It's earlier because some have to leave to help at God's Storehouse.) The



Meet for Breakfast

women will be providing the delicious food and for those who are concerned, it won't all be healthy. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.



Safety Team Meeting #3

Sunday December 16. Meeting starts at 12:30pm. Pizza will be served. We need all that have signed up to be a part of the Safety Team to attend. Thank you.



7pm Christmas Eve candle light service.

10pm Christmas Eve candle light service.

Be on the LOOK out for events coming in 2019



- * Corn Hole Tournament in late January or early February.
- * Chili Cook-Off in late February or early March

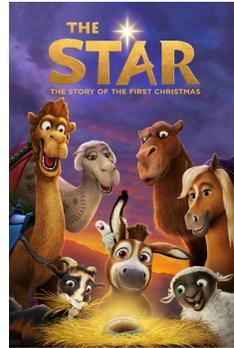
Ladies Appreciation Dinner
Saturday May 11th.

Dates and details to follow.

Jr Church Parents,

Over the next three Sundays

(December 2, 9, & 16) we will be viewing the movie "The Star" The movie is an animated Nativity film, from the animals perspective of the First Christmas. We will view the movie in the Youth Room (basement), and will provide snacks each day. The week following the conclusion of the movie we will do an amazing Christmas craft with all the children. Please have your Jr Church kids attend each of the weeks in December for a wonderful Christmas story



and craft!! Thank you in advance,
Brian and Nicole Gudgel

Special Olympics Donation Bins

If you have dropped off clothes, shoes, or books in the Special Olympics donation bins and would like a tax deductible receipt please go to:

<http://www.sodonate.com/ohio-tax-receipts>

Here is what happens to your donated or recycled used clothing, 10-20% are sold at thrift locations, 45% is reused and repurposed, exported as secondhand clothing, 30% is recycled and converted into rags for various industrial use and 20% is recycled into fiber for carpet padding. Only 5% ends up as waste. **Our church receives 5 cents per pound and so far this year have received over \$350.00 with another check on the way!**

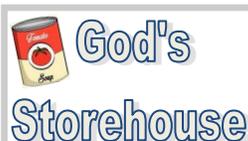
Thank you for you donations.

2019 Offering envelopes will be in the narthex by December 16th. If you don't see a box with your name on it and would like a box please contact Susie Hoffman. Thank you.

You and Your Family are Invited to a Birthday Party for Jesus



Sunday, December 23, 9:30am (during the Sunday school hour) Come and enjoy cake & ice cream as we celebrate Jesus' Birth! This is always a great time of fellowship and great food. You won't want to miss it.



God's Storehouse will be setting up for the Christmas food box give away on Thursday December 13th at 6 pm and the boxes will be passed out on Saturday

December 15th at 9 am. Helpers are always needed. If you would like to lend a hand please be at St. James Lutheran Church located at 451 Caldwell St, Bradner to help on either Thursday, at 6 pm or Saturday, at 8 am to help pass out the boxes.



Praise the Lord we had 99 shoe boxes this Year! We pray for those receiving the shoe boxes that they would come into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ!

Health Tip – Holiday Foot Health

Are your feet ready for the holidays? From Thanksgiving through the first of the year, we're on our feet a lot– shopping, cooking, dancing, standing in line, parties, etc. This can lead to foot pain from Achilles tendonitis (aching above the heel or back of the calf) and Plantar fasciitis (pain on the bottom of the foot). Here are some suggestions to make life more comfortable for your feet.



- If the shoe fits, wear it. Don't compromise comfort & safety. Narrow shoes, overly-high heels, shoes not worn often can lead to

blisters, calluses, swelling & even serious ankle injuries. Be proactive, protective & preventive

when choosing footwear.

- Don't overly indulge in holiday cheer. Certain foods & beverages high in purines, such as shellfish, red meat, red wine & beer can trigger painful gout attacks. This condition happens when uric acid crystallizes in & around joints, especially in the big toe.
- Be pedicure-safety conscious. Before you head out for your holiday pedicure, remember nail salons can be breeding grounds for bacteria, particularly MRSA. To reduce your risk, choose one that follows proper sanitation procedures & is licensed by the state. You might even consider purchasing your own pedicure equipment to bring to your appointment.
- Watch for ice & snow. Holiday winter wonderlands can be beautiful but also dangerous. Use caution when traveling outdoors; watch for ice or snow patches along your trail. Ankle joints can be more vulnerable to serious injury from falling on ice. Ice accelerates the fall & can cause more severe trauma. If you experience a fall, take a break from activities until you can be seen by a foot & ankle specialist. Use RICE therapy (Rest, Ice, Compression & Elevation) to help reduce pain & swelling.
- Listen to your feet. Don't let foot pain ruin your holiday enjoyment. Inspect your feet regularly for any evidence of ingrown toenails, bruising, swelling, blisters, dry skin or calluses. If you notice any pain, swelling, or signs of problems, make an appointment with your foot & ankle specialist or your personal care physician. Often, especially for people living with diabetes, what may seem like a simple issue can turn into a larger problem if medical care is delayed.

Adapted from "Five Tips for Healthy Holiday Feet" courtesy of American College of Foot & Ankle Surgeons

**Have a Very Merry Christmas.
Hoping throughout the season that you,
Worship fully, Spend Less,
Give More, Love All.**





First Church of God December 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 8am-12pm Davidson Trucking 2-4pm Gonyer hall rental |
| 2 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:15 AM donuts, juice 9:45-10:30am Sunday school Nursery: 1st Cindy 2nd Krissy | 3 8:00-9:30 walking in the gym 6:40pm Congregational prayer | 4 5:30pm Girl Scout's | 5 8:00-9:30 walking in the gym 5:30-7pm KFC 7pm Bible study Crusin 2 Driving class | 6 9am Bible Study Crusin 2 Driving class | 7 8:00-9:30 walking in the gym | 8 8am-2pm Women's breakfast and special event |
| 9 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:15 AM donuts, juice 9:45-10:30am Sunday school Nursery: 1st Louann Hoiles 2nd Jessie Davies | 10 8:00-9:30 walking in the gym 6:30pm Council meeting | 11 | 12 8:00-9:30 walking in the gym 5:15-7pm KFC on Starry Night | 13 | 14 8:00-9:30 walking in the gym | 15 8:30am Men's and Women's breakfast @ Rick and Terri's house Hall rental Harmon's |
| 16 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:15 AM donuts, juice 9:45-10:30am Sunday school 12:30pm Safety team meeting Nursery: 1st Pam 2nd Alana | 17 8:00-9:30 walking in the gym 6:40pm Congregational prayer | 18 5:30pm Girl Scout's | 19 8:00-9:30 walking in the gym | 20 | 21 8:00-9:30 walking in the gym | 22 |
| 23 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:30am Birthday Party for Jesus Nursery: 1st 2nd Susie | 24 7pm Christmas Eve candle light service 10pm Christmas Eve candle light service | 25  | 26 8:00-9:30 walking in the gym | 27 | 28 8:00-9:30 walking in the gym | 29 10am-7pm James hall rental |
| 30 8:15 & 10:45 Worship 9:15 AM donuts, juice 9:45-10:30am Sunday school Nursery: 1st Sandy Laborie 2nd | 31 8:00-9:30 walking in the gym | | | | | Bible Study will resume January 9-10th. |