

# December






## MMO Families,

We have only two weeks together this month before we break for Christmas. Please refer to the dates on this newsletter, as we have many festive events planned. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Patricia Anderson to MMO. She is an experienced teacher who is training to lead the Butterfly Class. Ms Cindee will still be around to teach, but this will enable her to move from class to class and assist with all teachers and children as needed. We also welcome Ms. Lauren Huckeba, who is training to assist in our Grasshopper Class.

## DECEMBER THEMES

The Nativity / Happy Birthday, Jesus!

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## OUR MINISTRIES

### BFUMC Food Bank:

There is a particular need for the following items: Peanut butter(16 oz), dried beans(16 oz), evaporated milk(12 oz), canned soups(10.5 oz), Chunky soups(18 oz), Canned vegetables-Green Beans, Corn, Tomatoes, etc.(14.5 -15 oz).

### Children's Music and Arts Ministries:

Two Year Old Music Group (for ages 18 months-2 years old): meets on Wednesdays in the Circle Room from 5:30 to 5:55 p.m. We welcome all our little ones in joining us for developmentally appropriate music activities, including: singing, playing instruments, movement, and social interaction.

Preschool Music and Arts (PreK 3-4): meets on Wednesdays in the Circle Room at 6:25 p.m. for developmentally appropriate music activities and then moves to the Arts and Crafts Room for Bible stories and art from 7:00 to 7:25 p.m.

All MMO families are welcome to participate in these weekly activities. There are also music ministries available to older, school- aged siblings. For more information, ask Ms. Cindee or Ida Cooksey, coordinator for BFUMC Children's Ministries.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Holiday Food Drive:** We are extending our collection of non-perishable food items for the FUMC food bank. Encourage your child to help you find items in your pantry to donate. We will continue to collect items throughout this month and into the second week of December, when we will take the donations over to the food bank. Please send in your donations soon! Any canned, dried goods are appreciated, for suggested items, please see notes under "OUR MINISTRIES."

**GIFT BOOK EXCHANGE:** Monday, December 10th. This year we would like to do something different for our Christmas gift exchange. Your child will still draw a name and exchange an inexpensive book (value of no more than \$5) with another child at MMO. In addition, we would also like to donate gift books to foster children in our community for Christmas. We are requesting a second book per child that will go to Chandler's Closet, a ministry that supplies comforts to children in the system. More details coming soon.

**MMO CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM:** Wednesday, December 12th at 10:45 am in Reynolds Chapel. Guests are welcome, but please keep in mind that seating is limited.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY:** Wednesday, 12/12 at 11:15 am. We are doing a family make-and-take activity immediately following our music program. More details coming soon.

Mother's Morning Out will be closed for winter break December 17- January 2. We will return to the classroom on Monday, January 7.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Please go through your child's diaper bag/bookbag and make sure they have a change of clothing that still fits and is suitable for the cold weather. Please label jackets, as we sometimes have more than one child in a class with the same type.



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cameron White- Dec. 5 (4)  
Jimmy Buck- Dec. 19 (4)  
Silas Rand- Dec. 30 (4)

## CHAPEL CORNER

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:** "For unto us a child is born." - Isaiah 9:6

**CONCEPT:** We celebrate Christmas to commemorate the birth of the Son of God, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**BIBLE STORY:** "The Nativity of Jesus"

