



# December



## Bensalem Christian Day School

### November Thanks

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The true spirit of the holiday really came to life as the children participated in the “Food for Others” Thanksgiving Service on Thursday, November 15th and Friday, November 16th. A special thank you to all who contributed food products which were distributed to needy families in our community. Thanksgiving feasts and celebrations for all classes were also held during the week of November 19th. It was a sight to behold as many cheerful little Pilgrims and Native American Indians visited with one another and shared special Thanksgiving foods they had helped to prepare.

## JESUS IS THE REASON!



Our preparation for Christmas is already underway as this joyful season begins. Many exciting projects and activities are planned for this month—even a special gift for moms and dads! Discussion in school will be centered on the holidays, the custom of giving and receiving gifts, and most importantly, the birth of Jesus. Later in the month the students will participate in a special birthday party for Jesus.

*Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas; Stars and angels gave the sign.*

(United Methodist Hymnal, page 242)

The words above are the first verse of one of my favorite Christmas carols in the United Methodist hymnal. It’s a favorite because of both the words and the Irish melody to which the words are sung. The melody makes it an easy song to sing, and the words remind me of the true importance of Christmas. Christmas is about the tremendous love that God has for us. There’s so much love that God came to humanity as a baby in a humble manger; humble so we would have understanding and a baby so we would have access.



Here at Bensalem United Methodist Church we will celebrate this amazing gift of love on Christmas Eve with three worship services.

**The Family Service** is at 7:00pm in our main sanctuary. This year the service will be an “Impromptu Christmas Pageant.” This will be a service of scripture reading, carols and congregational participation.

**The Celebration Service** is at 9:00pm also in our main sanctuary. This service will feature our praise band and a message from the pastor.

**The Candle Light Service** is at 11:00pm in our historic chapel. This is a meaningful service of scripture readings, carols, and Holy Communion.

You are invited to attend anyone or even all of these services as well as our regular Sunday morning services at 8:30am in the chapel or 10:45am in the main sanctuary.

There are two other events happening at the church in December that you are invited to attend. The first is our annual Craft Fair. It is this Saturday starting at 9:00am. Then on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> is our Christmas Cookie Walk. There will be a wide variety of Christmas cookies for sale.

The love that came down at Christmas, which was made known to humanity by stars and angels, shepherds, and wise men bring you hope, joy, and healing during this Christmas seasons.

God Bless, Pastor Alice Ann



## BE AN ANGEL THIS CHRISTMAS!

Once again this year we are sponsoring a Christmas project that will focus on needy children right here in the Lower Bucks County area. Initiated and administered by the local Salvation Army in Levittown, the *Angel Tree Project* enables parents of low-income families to use vouchers (not money) to “shop” for Christmas presents for their children at the *Angel Tree Store*. We are asking our Day School families to purchase inexpensive toys or clothing (approximate \$10—\$15 value for any aged child) to help stock the *Angel Tree Store*. Look for the “giving” tree upstairs and the “giving” wreath downstairs. If you would like to participate, please select one of the angels that are hanging on the tree. Suggested items are on the bottom of the tag. You may choose any of the items listed (these are just suggestions). Please return the tag with your gift. Please deliver the item you have purchased to the Day School Office by **Wednesday, December 5th**. The Salvation Army has requested that the **gifts be unwrapped** since the parents will be given the pleasure of wrapping the toys themselves. As always, let us emphasize that participation in this project is voluntary. May God bless you with a very Merry Christmas!



## Enrichment in December

### Festive Holiday Fun



It is the most wonderful time of the year to join us for Enrichment fun. Our month will be filled with holiday spirit. Oh what fun it is to talk about Santa’s elves and reindeer, make holiday crafts as well as read interesting stories. The cost is \$60.00 for the three week session which includes the lunch hour fee. The program is right after lunch from 12:30—3:00, starting Monday, December 3rd. A snack is also provided during Enrichment along with all supplies needed. Since this is a progressive program we prefer signing up for all three weeks. Refunds cannot be given if a child is absent. We need to have at least 5 children to attend so that we can make this a wonderful experience.

On Enrichment days just bring your child’s lunch and place the container in the “Lunch Basket.” There is a lunch basket located on the first and second floors. Please make sure your child’s name is on their container. Your child will be taken to their class for Enrichment after lunch.

Please note that your child may attend this session even if they do not normally attend on this day\*\*.

Monday’s class dates: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

# Happy Birthday to you !

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Krish Patel          | 12/8  |
| Ryan Walsh           | 12/15 |
| Makenzi Faro         | 12/15 |
| Jackson Theirjung    | 12/17 |
| Sofia Stenderowicz   | 12/23 |
| Colton Domal         | 12/29 |
| Dominic Scornaienchi | 12/31 |



## THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our parents who have volunteered to be on our Parent Committee .  
Your help has been invaluable to us!

### Thank you

**TO ALL FAMILIES WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR RECENT FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS**

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE HELPING WITH OUR HOLIDAY SHOP!  
IT CANNOT BE A SUCCESS WITHOUT YOUR HELP!**

## Santa Sighting



Look to the skies! Every year at this time we hear those sleigh bells ringing. This year again we are expecting Santa to visit our school. On Tuesday, Dec. 18 and Wednesday, Dec. 19th we will be putting out the milk and cookies.

The children here at Bensalem Christian Day School will get to visit with Santa ask for that special present.



## !!Ugly Sweater Day!!

**Wednesday and Thursday, December 12th & 13th**

Let's have some Christmas spirit coming to school dressed in anything you want to wear that is Christmas ugly!

It can be a sweater, shirt, pants, socks or even a whole outfit.



Once again our Christian spirit of giving has brought light and hope to others. Our Food for Others food collection was a huge success. The food was given to Aid For Friends here at Bensalem United Methodist Church and to the Bensalem Lions Club for their Christmas Baskets.



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| Tuesday—Friday   | Dec. 4—7   | Holiday Shop  |
| Thursday/Friday  | Dec. 6 & 7 | Hot Lunch-Pizza   |
| Friday   | Dec. 7     | Pajama Day  |
| Monday   | Dec. 10    | Parent Comm. Meeting 9:15-Parlor  |
| Wednesday/Thursday   | Dec. 12-13 | Ugly Sweater Day  |
| Friday   | Dec. 14    | <b>Christmas Concert—Half Day Entire School</b><br><b>Mrs. Jakubowski/Mrs. Zebrowski</b><br><b>Mrs. Salvitty/Mrs. Nicolo           9:00am</b><br><br><b>Mrs. Mastil/Mrs. Jonas</b><br><b>Mrs. Hoelper/Mrs. Gougler       10:30am</b><br><b>Mrs. DeStefano/Mrs. Per</b><br><b>Santa Visits</b> |
| <b><u>NO LUNCH HOUR</u></b><br><b><u>HALF DAY FOR ENTIRE</u></b><br><b><u>SCHOOL</u></b> |            |   |
| Tuesday/Wednesday  | Dec. 18-19 | Santa Visits  |
| Monday—Tuesday   | 12/24—1/1  | School Closed   |
| Wednesday  | Jan. 2     | School Re-Opens   |



## Does "Santa Need Help?"



Is "Santa still making preparations for his visit to your house? Does "Santa" need some extra time to get all those Christmas chores done?

To help "Santa" out, BCDS will be offering a Mom's Day Out on  
**Tuesday, December 18th**

For a fee of \$20.00, a parent can choose to have their Day School child remain at school following the AM session for lunch and an afternoon activities program. Even if this is not your scheduled school day, you can take advantage of this opportunity. Look for the flyer being sent home or stop by the office to sign up!!