



# CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

A MONTHLY UPDATE

DECEMBER 2011

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

DECEMBER 24th

- NOON** A service with music led by our traditional worship ensemble
- 3:00 PM** A service for those who feel stress, anxiety, or loss and for those who love them
- 5:00 PM** A family service with an interactive retelling of the Christmas Story
- 7:00 PM** A traditional style candlelight service with music led by our Chancel Choir
- 10:00 PM** A modern style candlelight service with music led by our modern worship band

*Free Christmas Eve Dinner Served from 4:30 – 7:30 PM*

*Please note: On Christmas Eve,*

*childcare will be provided for children 3 years and younger during the 3p.m. and 7 p.m. services.*



Mayfield's Children & Family Ministry  
Heartland Childcare Ministry

Opportunities with Heart

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

9:30 A.M.

Children & their families enjoy breakfast, visit with Santa, and play games and activities reminding everyone of the reason for the season.

*Limited Tickets go on sale December 1st.*

#### TICKETS

\$3 - kids 9 and under

\$8 - adults

\$20 - family 4 pack (1 pack per family)

There are photo opportunities with Santa and your child as a character of the nativity

**BRING YOUR CAMERA!**

For more information Contact Megann Nyman

### HEARTLAND HOLIDAY HOEDOWN

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011

11:00-12:30 (Fellowship Hall)

Looking for something fun to do during Winter Break? "Children" of ALL ages are invited to a morning of dancing, games and lunch with Miss Missy from *Remote Dance & the Heartland Family*. This is open to ALL friends of Mayfield Church as long as you are young at heart and want to have fun!!

**Space is limited, you MUST RSVP by  
Friday, December 9, 2011.**

For more information or to make a reservation contact Patty Wenzel.

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Children (0-5 yrs.old) & their caregivers gather together along with the Heartland children to sing, listen to Bible stories, pray & have fun together as they travel through the Bible with Miss Stacy.

*Registration is Strongly Suggested  
to be notified of changes in the schedule*

*Children may register at any time during the year.*

Preschool Storytime will not be held Wednesday, December 21st and 28th.

## Preschool Storytime

**Date: Wednesdays  
Time: 9:30 - 10 a.m.**

## KIDS POSSIBLE



Children, Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, train to become one of God's Special Agents. Children decode messages from God, hear Bible Stories and participate in science experiments, crafts and games.

**This Month's Focus:**

**Choose to Pray**

**Date: Saturday, December 10th**

**Time: 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

*Children may register at any time during the year.*

**Registration is Required**



Thursdays 5p.m.

Questions?

Contact: Carol Neff  
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## TWEENS

*A Ministry for 4th, 5th & 6th Graders*

Tweens, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will get together for join Mayfield Church's families Christmas Caroling to our friends and neighbors. Drivers are needed. Contact Megann Nyman if you are able to drive.



**This Month's Activity: Christmas Caroling**

**Date: Saturday, December 17th**

**Time: 1:30 p.m.**

## FABULOUS FRIDAYS

Reservations Required by Wednesday, December 14th so that we can arrange rides. Reservations can be made through your evite from [mayfieldchurch.cbchurch.com](http://www.mayfieldchurch.cbchurch.com) or by contacting Megann Nyman.

To register for Children's Ministries or receive updates, email [Stacy@mayfieldchurch.org](mailto:Stacy@mayfieldchurch.org) or call 440-729-4006 ext. 105.



As stated in the scriptures, parents are the primary spiritual trainer of their children. As Mayfield Church, we will train you, equip you, encourage you and support you in the role as spiritual leader in your own home. Parents, along with their children of specific ages, are invited to these Faith@Home events as we use discussion and activities to focus on a particular spiritual area appropriate for a specific developmental stage.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in Faith@Home this fall.

We are excited about the growth of this new ministry opportunity.

**If you have participated in Faith@Home this fall, please complete an evaluation form and return it to Megann Nyman.**

**Evaluation forms are available online:**  
<http://www.mayfieldchurch.org/faithathome>



# Sunday School

**Registration is Strongly Suggested**  
**September 11th - May 20th, 2012**

**3 Yrs. – Kindergarten**  
**9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.**

Children meet in B07 to learn about God through music, bible stories and a variety of activities that reinforce the bible story. Class time also includes a small snack.

**1st - 6th graders**  
**9:30 a.m.**

Children are invited to live out their new understanding of how to grow in relationship with God and with others. Children begin by meeting in the front left section of the worship center and enjoy the praise music, then follow the kids' Church leaders to their classroom, B38. Following the worship service, parents are invited to join their children in a family prayer before the children are dismissed to their parents.

**1st - 6th graders**  
**11 a.m.**

Children meet in B38 to dig into the Bible with creative activities and soak up life-changing lessons as they build relationships with one another and apply Bible truths to their daily lives, and even pray for each other!

**Please note: There will be No Sunday Morning Classes on Sunday, December 25th.**

**Birth through 3 years old**  
**Sundays 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.**

We know that leaving your infant & toddlers can be overwhelming. Each Sunday our trained staff and volunteers work hard to create a safe and nurturing experience.

## Worship with Children

"Pew Pals" (small child-friendly stuffed animals) are available for quiet play during worship. Worship activity bags with weekly children's bulletins and Pew Pals are located on the back wall of the worship centers on their standing posts.

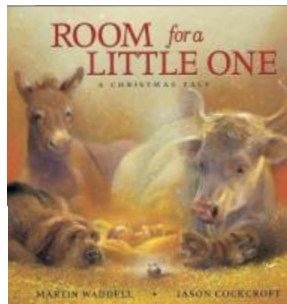


### Featured Online Video

<http://vimeo.com/17374562>

The *First Christmas* video created by Sabbath School and provided by gracelink.net, is a nice online animated telling of the Christmas story. The 3 minute video concludes by giving children a simple explanation of God's gift of salvation.

*For a smooth uninterrupted story, allow the video to fully buffer before pressing play.*



### Featured Book *Room For Little One*

This picture book by Martin Waddell is a wonderful picture book for preschoolers and early elementary age children. The short simple text with a repeating refrain along with the beautiful dreamy illustrations

make this a wonderful Christmas read with the whole family. On a cold night, Kind Ox invites one visitor after another into the shelter of his stable. When Tired Donkey appears, he brings with him Mary and Joseph, and all of the animals welcome Jesus when He is born.

### Child Care Requests

We love to provide child care for our ministry groups and studies. Sign up for this service is always required for each event. Please contact the ministry leader and ask them to complete a child care request form and submit it to the office at least 2 weeks prior to the need. Contact the Director of Children & Family Ministries to have one mailed to you.

## 25 Days of Celebrating Advent with Family Activities

As families, we have so much to do as we prepare for the Christmas holiday: shopping, decorating, school concerts, baking and those additional commitments we make to a variety of charities and our church at Christmas time. So much to do, so little time. The advent season is a time to anticipate, remember and celebrate the birth of our Savior. During the hustle and bustle of the season, spend a few moments each day to come together as a family and celebrate the birth of our Savior.

<p><b>4th</b> Matt. 1:18-21 Light 2 purple candles. Prepare and enjoy a family meal together. Pray for our faith that we will remember the reason of Christmas.</p>	<p><b>5th</b> Matthew 5:16 Do something nice for a family member or friend. Keep who did it a surprise!</p>	<p><b>6th</b> Make Christmas cards and include a Bible verse that expresses the joy of the season. Pray for those who are lonely.</p>	<p><b>7th</b> Take a walk outside. Name 2 of favorite things that you see that God created. Prayer of thanks for all God has created.</p>	<p><b>1st</b> Luke 1:26-31 Prepare an advent wreath or make paper candles for your wall. You need 3 purple, 1 pink and 1 white candle. Light a purple candle.</p>	<p><b>2nd</b> Isaiah 50:10 Take turns hiding and finding an object around your house. Pray for those who are lost.</p>	<p><b>3rd</b> As a family, work together putting together a puzzle. Pray for all people to work together for God.</p>
<p><b>11th</b> Luke 2 1-7 Light 2 purple and the pink candle. Prepare and enjoy a family meal together.</p>	<p><b>12th</b> Matt. 25:37-40 Make a gift certificate for each family member of 1 a good deed you will do for them. Wrap it up and give it to them on Christmas.</p>	<p><b>13th</b> Make cookies together. Pray for those who are hungry.</p>	<p><b>14th</b> Surprise a neighbor with cookies. Pray for your community.</p>	<p><b>15th</b> Watch "The First Christmas" <a href="http://vimeo.com/17374562">http://vimeo.com/17374562</a></p>	<p><b>16th</b> Write a letter and draw a picture for someone who has been special to your family this past year.</p>	<p><b>17th</b> As a family go Christmas Caroling with the church and hand out the cards you made.</p>
<p><b>18th</b> Luke 2: 6-7 Light 2 purple, pink and 1 purple candle. Prepare and enjoy a family meal together.</p>	<p><b>19th</b> Play charades and act out your favorite Bible story.</p>	<p><b>20th</b> Make placemats and name cards for a special Christmas dinner.</p>	<p><b>21st</b> Read a favorite Christmas Story a suggestion, Room for Little One. Pray for those who have no home.</p>	<p><b>22nd</b> As a family, look at a photo album or home movies and reflect on Christmas memories. By name, pray for each member of your family.</p>	<p><b>23rd</b> Bake a birthday cake. Offer a prayer of thanks that we are able to celebrate Jesus' birthday.</p>	<p><b>24th</b> Luke 2: 8-11 Attend a church service or act out the entire Christmas Story as a family.</p>
<p><b>25th</b> Luke 2:11-19 Light 3 purple, 1 pink and 1 white candle. Share Jesus' birthday cake and sing "Happy Birthday" to Him.</p>						