

ADVENT at WESTMINSTER

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Come Sunday, December 17 to our 10:30 a.m. worship service and join in the fun this Advent season. Come and take part in the telling of this beautiful story, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 24, 2017. A traditional candlelight service, with music provided by the choir and The Paragon Brass Quintet, will be offered with doors opening at 4:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers only. Invite a friend to attend this wonderful Christmas tradition with you.



SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 31, 2017. Come for this service as we continue our journey through the 12 days of Christmas.

ENCOUNTER

ADVENT CALENDARS Please pick up an Advent Calendar at the Connection Point. Please hang in a prominent place in your home to remind you that we are in this holy season and to learn something each day.

THIRD SUNDAY DINNER will be held on Sunday, December 17 at 5:00 p.m. Come enjoy a warm meal while sharing time and fellowship with our local neighbors in the community. All are welcome.

GROW/SERVE

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS Our annual Christmas delivery will take place on Saturday, December 16. We will meet in Wright-Herberich Hall at 9:00 a.m. We will purchase, assemble, and deliver 225 baskets to people in need. You and your family can make someone's Christmas a little brighter by delivering and/or contributing money to help fill the baskets. Each basket will cost \$50 but any donation is appreciated. Please consider donating baskets in honor of a loved one. Simply fill out the Christmas Basket envelope and place it in the offering plate. Please consider volunteering to help deliver food baskets. This is an area for which increased involvement is encouraged! Sign-ups are at the Connection Point in Wright-Herberich Hall.



OUR GIVING TREE Throughout Advent, Our Giving Tree stands at the front of the sanctuary ready to be adorned with our gifts of hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for children being sheltered by ACCESS. These will be Westminster's gifts of warmth and caring to homeless children who have none of these essential items to help keep them warm this winter. All of the items that we give will be taken to ACCESS right here in Akron, which provides emergency shelter and other services to our area's homeless women and their children.

PAGEANT DONATIONS On Sunday, December 17 as part of the pageant, we will bring gifts forward to the chancel. These gifts will be delivered that day to Children Services to be put in the Holiday Toy Room. These gifts are selected by foster parents and grandparents for children in their custody. Please see the back of this flyer for suggested items to donate.



Please note: On Sunday, December 24 and December 31, Westminster Church will hold Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m. with childcare provided.

Education for children, tweens and youth will NOT be held on Sunday, December 24 and December 31. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

Adult Education WILL be offered December 24 and December 31 in Room 106 only. Please see the education section of the December/January Script for details on current class offerings.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TOYS AND GAMES FOR:

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Minions, Star Wars, Captain Underpants, My Little Pony, Frozen, Wonder Woman & other Marvel/DC characters

Tweens & Teens*

*Greatest need items are in red

*Ask a teen friend for additional ideas!
We have more teens in care than children in any other age group.*

- ◆ **Body pillows and pillow cases***
- ◆ **Brightly colored slippers***
- ◆ **Ear buds and flashdrives***
- ◆ **Headphones***
- ◆ **Speakers (to connect to phones)***
- ◆ **Electronics of any kind, under \$25* (portable CD, DVD and MP3 players)**
- ◆ **Infinity scarves***
- ◆ **Sports jerseys (L & XL)***
- ◆ Sports Balls
- ◆ Sports equipment, sleds, snowboards
- ◆ Fabric-covered bulletin boards
- ◆ Brightly colored throw pillows—animal prints, feathers, etc.
- ◆ Scarf/glove/headband sets—funky colors and designs
- ◆ Board games
- Gift cards to teen-favored stores, department stores and fast food restaurants

School-Age Children

*Greatest need items are in red

- ◆ **Dolls* (all ethnicities)**
- ◆ **Doll accessories***
- ◆ **Large cars & trucks***
- ◆ **Minion toys***
- ◆ **Star Wars toys***
- ◆ **Activity books***
- ◆ **Inside Out toys***
- ◆ **Puzzles***
- ◆ **Craft kits***
- ◆ **Action figures***
- ◆ Blocks, Lincoln Logs
- ◆ Board games
- ◆ LEGOS sets
- ◆ Transformers
- ◆ Hand-held games
- ◆ Smaller-sized sports balls
- ◆ Winter sports items
- ◆ Gift cards

Infants & Toddlers

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- ◆ **Baby dolls* (all ethnicities)**
- ◆ **Baby blocks***
- ◆ **New stuffed animals***
- ◆ **Educational toys***
- ◆ **Infant care items***
- ◆ **Cloth or board books***
- ◆ **Large size cars and trucks***
- ◆ Hand-held toys & Bathtub toys
- ◆ Wooden puzzles
- ◆ Plastic food and toy dish sets

NOTE: We no longer accept donations of used stuffed animals.



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