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Children's Church News:

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It's hard to believe that it is Advent season already. This year the Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 19th, during the 10:30 worship service. We will be putting on a "live" nativity complete with cute little animals, angels, shepherds and of course some Christmas carols performed by "A Joyful Noise". You definitely won't want to miss it. We can always use more characters so anyone can participate. We will be practicing for the Christmas service during the 9:30 hour each Sunday in December.

We'll be finishing up December and the Advent season with a day of fun to celebrate Jesus' birth on the 26th. Since we will have all been so busy and excited the day before, let's just wear our favorite PJ's to church that day.



December Dates to Remember

December 5th, 12th, 19th –
Christmas Program Practice – 9:30 am

December 12th - "Joyful Noise"

December 19th – Family Christmas Program:
10:30 service

December 26th –
Day after Christmas Celebration
Wear your favorite PJs Day!

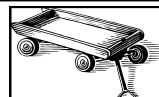
December Bible Stories K - 6

December 5th - A Child Called Immanuel
(Isaiah 7:10-17)

December 12th – Angels Visit
(Matthew 1:18-25)

December 19th – Family Christmas Program -
no Children's Church

December 26th – Jesus is Born
(Luke 2:1-20)



The "Little Red Wagon"
Pick-up for Utica Food Pantry
Sunday, December 26th.

Please have your non-perishables ready!!