



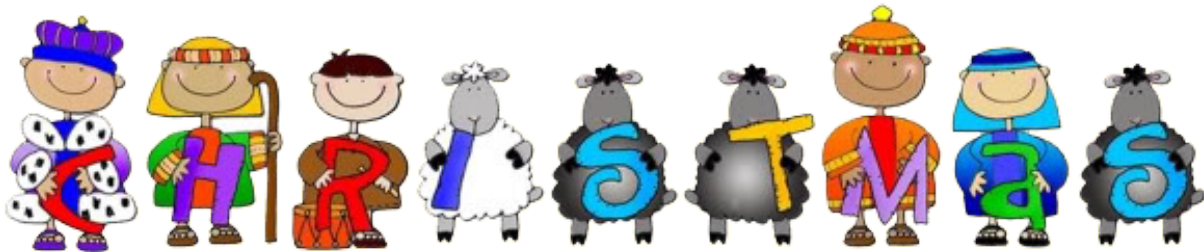
# THE PINE SEED

CCSM Family Connections

December 2016

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Can you believe that Christmas falls on a Sunday? Once the packages are opened (at 4AM?), if you are still standing, come on to church for a special family service. Then you can go back home to the mess of paper and task of preparing dinner. Wouldn't it be wonderful to take a break in the excitement of the day to actually celebrate its real meaning?



## JESUS' FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY

Celebrate with a pageant on December 18! Any sheep or shepherds among your children? For this year's no-practice Christmas Pageant, we need a Joseph, a donkey, angels, shepherds, kings, a star and more. Please let me know soon if your child longs for a particular part. There'll even be a Foley sound "stage." Of course, grown-ups are needed too, so please send me an email at [kibbie@ccsm-ucc.org](mailto:kibbie@ccsm-ucc.org). Plan for the children to arrive at church at 9AM to select roles, dress in their costumes, and learn their cues.



## AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH COMPASSION

On Martin Luther King's Day, over 400 Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and other volunteers will work side-by-side developing deeper relationships while contributing to over 25 family-friendly projects. Children ages 5+ are welcome to participate in most of the projects. Volunteers must sign up in advance at <https://penmlk2017.eventbrite.com>. Projects will fill up quickly, so please register promptly. Free breakfast!

## DON'T MISS

December 18, the Christmas Pageant. Be the character of your choice! Come at 9AM!

December 24, Family Christmas Eve service, 5PM

December 25, Christmas Day service, 10:30AM

January 16, Martin Luther King Day of Service, 8AM-noon

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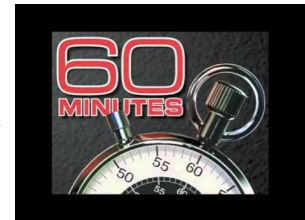


## **HAPPY ADVENT TO EVERYONE!**

As we enter this season of waiting, one thing we don't have to wait for is news about our youth program goings-on! Without further ado, the update!

### ***ON OUR RADAR***

Coming up on Sunday, December 11th, we have our monthly installment of **60 Minutes** led by Mike Mullery. High Schoolers' 60 Minutes will meet during worship, getting together for a lively discussion about issues. After the Children's Moment, mid-high will meet in the Youth Room. Then no more Sunday Children's Church until after Christmas. Have a merry one!



### ***CAMPS AND MORE CAMPS***

Mark your calendars!

- **Feb Camp**, the February weekend camp for high school students hosted by the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ at Monte Toyon campground in the Santa Cruz Mountains, will be February 18th-20th, Saturday through Monday (Presidents' Day).
- **Senior High Camp** (July 9-15), held at Camp Cazadero on the Russian River in Sonoma County, will be open to any youth in 9th-12th grades during the 2016-17 school year. More information to come, but you can always check <https://ncncucc.org/yomc/> for the latest details.

### ***DON'T DO HOMEWORK ALONE!***

High Schoolers, come study together. Monday nights, December 12 and 19, 4-6PM in Buckham Room. Snacks and Patrick's encouragement free!

### ***NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO...BUT DON'T WANT TO TALK?***

Then text! Have you heard of the Crisis Text Line? They describe themselves as "free, 24/7 support for those in crisis". All you have to do is text "START" to 741741, and a live trained human, called a "Crisis Counselor" receives the text and responds quickly. Feel free to check out their FAQ page to answer any questions you may have about the service:

<http://www.crisistextline.org/faq/>

### ***DON'T MISS***

**December 11 and 18**, High School Youth Group (don't forget 60 Minutes December 11)

**December 18**, Mid-High Youth Group

**January 16**, Martin Luther King Day of Service, 8AM-noon