



THE PINE SEED

CCSM Family Connections

November 2018

CCSM TOP CHEFS FEED THE HUNGRY

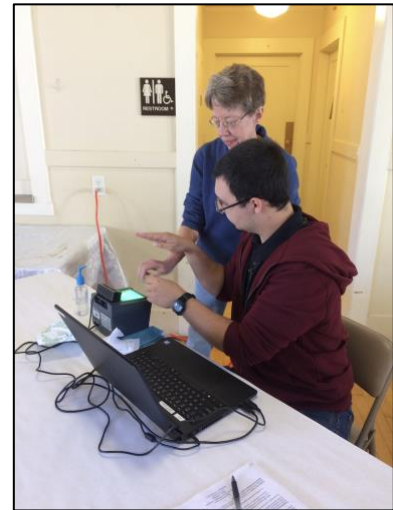
Hungry teenagers, that is! Each high school youth group gathering includes a chef's dinner. Mike Harris presented an introductory "cooking show" before the youth created chili. Then, Jay Cornwall gave each youth a personal pan, knife, cutting board and restaurant quality spatula to make divine tacos. Addy volunteered to clean and cut the mushrooms when Deb Flahtery taught the youth to make real comfort food (including brownie sundaes). Last week, Jorge showed Jacob that "ya gotta put muscle" into squeezing limes for salsa. Next up, Tony Galo will add a Cuban accent before the group shops to fill holiday dinner boxes.



HIGH SCHOOL
60 Minutes, November 11, 10:30AM
Youth Group, 11/11 and 11/25, 6-8PM

KEEPING YOUR KIDS SAFE

Dozens of the volunteers and staff who work with your children were fingerprinted last month for criminal background checks. Fingerprinting was the final step in complying with our Safe Congregation policy to protect vulnerable children and adults. Next, we will practice a fire drill (you will be warned so you can tell your children what to expect). Just in case you wonder what to do: if there is a fire drill, everyone in the CE Building will exit out the nearest, safe exit to the sidewalk and then go counterclockwise around the block to reach the back of the parking lot where we will wait for further instructions. Thank you for your part in keeping our children and youth as safe from harm as possible. [Marge getting printed](#)→



MAKE THE HOLIDAYS BETTER FOR OTHERS

In November, your family can sign up for two opportunities—and both involve shopping! Kids learn appreciation and generosity when purchasing things for those less fortunate. Together, you can:

1. Fill boxes with food for holiday dinners. On Sunday, pick up a box and the list of items to purchase. After you return your box to church, Call Primrose will distribute it to prescreened family in need.

2. “Adopt-a-Family” and buy a requested Christmas present for someone living in a LifeMoves shelter. At the end of the month,

look for the little Christmas tree on the loggia and pick an “ornament” naming what your person hopes to receive as a gift (no gift exceeds \$30). After your family has shopped, return the item(s) to church unwrapped. You will be making someone’s holiday brighter.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ALTAR

Don’t miss the altar on the stage in Kloss Hall. The sugar skulls there celebrate the Mexican Day of the Dead which started at midnight on Halloween. Sugar skulls are actually made out of molded sugar, but don’t eat them! After they are decorated with feathers, colored beads,



←[Sophie helps Jorge prepare the sugar skulls for the Dia de Los Muertos party](#)

glitter, foils and icing, they are often used to decorate the gravestones of deceased relatives. Or, the name of the relative might be written on the skull’s forehead and the skull put on the altar, accompanied by marigolds, the flower of the dead. Like traditional altars, CCSM’s altar has flowers, candles and maybe even favorite foods and beverages in order to encourage and guide the dead back to earth to visit.