



THE PINE SEED

CCSM Family Connections

December 2018

MAKE THIS A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER

Already the mid-high group and the older Wednesday Gathering kids filled *five* boxes with holiday dinners for struggling Call Primrose families. The youth have also “adopted” *two* LifeMoves families and soon will shop for presents for those parents and children. Kids learn more appreciation and generosity when purchasing things for others than when making their give-me lists!

Ahead are:

- December 2 Singing Sunday with Julie (during church) and Advent Wreath and Craft Fair (after church)
- December 9 St. Nicholas’s Visit (during church) →
- December 16 Christmas Pageant and Jesus’ Birthday Party, then Holiday Soup Lunch and Caroling (after church)
- December 24 Family Christmas Eve Service at 5PM



Children scramble to find little surprises St. Nicholas left in their shoes last year.

Below: CCSM angels line up for last year’s pageant



ADULTS HAVE PERMISSION

Sure, you adults can join your children in creating their Advent wreaths—or just enjoy coffee hour until they are finished. In the Buckham Room, the children will also be making Advent chains, a mess with glitter and icing (hopefully not together), and ornaments. Some of our CCSM Girl Scouts will help again—thank goodness! They have endless patience and experience. Come join the chaos or pick your children up whenever.



YOUTH GROUP CHANGE UP

Because the high schoolers have had 60 Minutes *and* youth group on the second Sunday this fall, in 2019 the youth groups will switch. Starting January 6, please mark:

- first and third Sunday evenings for High School Youth Group (6-8PM with dinner)
- second and fourth Sunday evenings for Mid-High Youth Group (6:30PM, with snack only).

In December, the mid-high meets on December 2 to shop for their Adopt-a-Family (6:30PM) and December 16 after church for lunch together in the Buckham Room and filling gift bags for the homeless in San Francisco. The high schoolers meet after 60 Minutes on December 9 for a lunch and their Adopt-a-Family shopping. (They have no meeting on December 23 because of the holiday.)

“The A’s” enjoy a laugh (Amelia, Addy, and Ainsley)→



REMARKABLE TEENS

Among our talented youth, several serve the church in noteworthy ways. Amelia Kyle (left in the upper photo) comes almost every Wednesday night to help with the children whose parents are attending the Spanish services. Kyle Neil (forever hungry) mentors



our high school youth, even though he’s busy with college and giving adults computer advice. And, ←Geneva Williams started the new Girl Scout troop that includes younger girls from both Wednesday and Sunday gatherings. Blonde Geneva is pictured in the upper left; in yellow is Shannon Sieckert, our new 4th/5th grade teacher.



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SIXTY MINUTES

December 9 during worship, the teen-chosen topic for the high schoolers will be the effects of technology—everything from hacking to social relationships, robot takeover to regulations. The big question ahead: “Is using technology (a lot) really living?” Mike Mullery is sure to get an earful!

HIGH SCHOOLERS EXPERIENCE CUBA

As Tony Galo was showing the youth how to create a multicourse Cuban dinner, he told them stories about his growing up on the island. December 9, Ruth Dizon will introduce them to another island culture, the Philippines. Conversations round the huge dinner table are always fascinating. But most amazing may be the kids loading the dishwasher—without any eye rolls! These teenagers are redefining “hanging out” and beloved community.

