

# Children's Ministries at CUMC

## *Come to the Mountain!*



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## CUMC's Annual Fall Festival— October 30th



Bring your family and join us after worship on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> for a potluck lunch at 11:30 am followed by fun activities. Children can wear their costumes to enjoy the festivities. The Children's Ministries committee is providing chili & hot-dogs. For the "pot-luck" portion of our meal - If your last name begins with A – M, bring a side dish or dessert. If your last name begins with N – Z bring a

main dish or salad. (Please bring enough for 10 – 12 people).

We are also in need of cakes, cookies, cupcakes, etc. for our cake walk. If you'd like to assist with the fun, please contact Vanitta Conrad, DCE, at 801-486-5473 ext. 12.



### Dates to Remember

- OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>— TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF & FALL FESTIVAL
- NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>— CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AUDITIONS
- NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>— PARENT'S NIGHT OUT
- DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>— CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND ADVENT EVENT

## Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF



Hey kids! Wear your Halloween costume to church on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and join us as we trick-or-treat our adult classes and after each worship service to raise funds for UNICEF. We'll have great fun and help out children all around the world! Please no scary costumes. You can also stay and join us for our Fall Festival afterwards!

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***“A two-year old is kind of like having a blender, but you don't have a top for it.”***

*~ Jerry Seinfeld*

### Christmas Program Auditions—Nov. 6th at 10:00 am

This year our Children's Christmas Program will be *“The Night the Animals Sang”*. It will be presented on Sunday, December 4th during the 10:30 am worship service. All children ages 3 years—6th grade will participate. We have 8 speaking parts available. All the children will participate as characters and will help sing. If you would be interested in having a speaking part, please come to Room 201 on Sunday, November 6th at 10:00 am (during coffee time). We will be selecting our speakers and our key character portrayals at that time. Please bring your parents with you to the audition. We will be rehearsing with the speaking parts during coffee time (10:00—10:30 am) on Sundays—November 13th & 20th. Rehearsal for all participants will be Saturday, December 3rd at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary.

### Parent's Night Out—November 12th

Hey kids! Do you need a break from your parents? How about you send them out for a nice dinner or some early Christmas shopping while you hang out at the church for dinner and some fun activities? Here is the information your parents need to get you signed up for this fun evening!

- ✦ Date: November 12, 2011
- ✦ Place: Christ United Methodist Church
- ✦ Time: 5 PM-9 PM
- ✦ Cost: \$20 per child, \$35 per family
- ✦ Ages: 1 Year-10 Years
- ✦ Dinner & Activities Provided for all Ages
- ✦ Children Supervised by trained UMW Volunteers
- ✦ Proceeds support United Methodist Women's Missions

**Spaces are Limited and You Must Pre-Pay—Turn in the enclosed flyer by Nov. 1st!**



### Children's Christmas Program—December 4th at 10:30 am

Our annual Children's Christmas Program will be on **Sunday, December 4th** at the 10:30 am worship service and is entitled *“The Night the Animals Sang”*. This wonderful program will include all of our children ages 3 years through 6th grade. We will begin rehearsals in mid-November for the speaking parts. Our main rehearsal will be **Saturday, December 3rd** at 9:00 am in the sanctuary. If you would like to help with organizing the program or providing a light lunch for the children after rehearsal, please contact Vanitta Conrad at 801-486-5473 ext. 12 or [vconrad@mindspring.com](mailto:vconrad@mindspring.com).

### Join our Chorister's Choir!

The choir is open to all kids in kindergarten through sixth grade. We practice once a week, Sunday afternoons from 3:30-4:30PM. During our practices we take a ten minute break to play in the gym, and on performance Sundays we have a small snack. We sing once a month in church, as well as on Christmas Eve. We sing a nice mix of religious and secular songs. Parents are always welcome to observe practice. If your child likes to sing, this is the place for them! E-mail Katie Lay with questions at [Layk1@aol.com](mailto:Layk1@aol.com)

## ***Praise Mountain—Sundays at 9:00 am***

We offer Children's Church at 9:00 am for ages 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Room 201. This will be a worship service with music, learning and prayer designed for kids. Our curriculum is called "Kids Own Worship" and is filled with great lessons and songs.

~~~~We are still in need of 2-3 volunteers who will rotate leading this service each week. We can plan the teaching schedule to meet your needs. If you would be interested in leading or helping with this program, please contact Vanitta Conrad, DCE. *It's easy and fun!!!~~~~*

## ***Miracle Mountain—Sundays at 10:30 am***

At the 10:30 hour we feature our rotation format Sunday School for ages Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. All the children gather in Room 201 for our opening, then they are accompanied by their shepherds to various workshops to learn the Bible story. These workshops include *Loaves & Fishes* (cooking), *Creation Station* (arts & crafts), *The Sermon on the Mount* (drama & storytelling) and many more. Our upcoming themes are:

**November—Elijah & December—The Gift of Jesus**

If you would be interested in being a workshop leader, please see Vanitta.



For our **3 & 4 year old children at 10:30** we will offer a traditional Sunday School class with some new, fun curriculum called **Buzz**. This will be a relaxed, safe environment for our youngest to begin their Sunday morning experience.

## ***Sunday Morning Nursery***

Loving childcare is provided for newborns through 2 years old in our bright, friendly nursery located in the north hallway Room 102. Our fully trained staff uses *Play-n-Worship* a fun music-focused, baby centered curriculum that helps infants discover and learn about God and their great big world.

## **Tween Flicks**

Sunday, November 13th from 5-7 pm in Room 201.

Sunday, December 11th too!

Tween Flicks is for all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their friends. We'll watch a movie and eat popcorn and pizza. While an RSVP is not required, it will be helpful so that we have enough food! Please contact Jon Jolley ([801-557-6075](tel:801-557-6075)) to RSVP. Parents are also needed to help.



*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14 NIVr*





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Here at Christ United Methodist Church we welcome all children. We strive to be a place where everyone can come to learn about Jesus Christ and develop a personal relationship with our Lord. If you ever have any questions or concerns about our programming, please feel free to contact me at the addresses or phone listed here. May you all take time during this busy holiday season to come to remember and appreciate the true *reason for the season*.

Blessings, *Vanitta Conrad*, Director of Christian Education

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**Visit our Children's Ministries page at our website: [www.ChristUMCUtah.net](http://www.ChristUMCUtah.net)**

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### **Advent Season Celebration**



Join us on **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** (after the children's program) for a potluck lunch and fun activities as we celebrate the Advent season. This event will be an opportunity for children of all ages to join together in remembering and celebrating Jesus' birth! Please bring a dish to share and spend some relaxing time with your church friends. There may even be a special visit from a jolly, bearded guest!

### ***Christmas Eve Services***

**12 noon** with Holy Communion in the Chapel – Hate driving in the dark? Wish you could celebrate Communion on Christmas Eve? Have evening family plans? This service is for you.

**5 PM** Candles & carols help us celebrate the new born King.

**7 PM** This family oriented service is great for kids to celebrate Jesus, the birthday boy. Candles, carols and the Asbury Bell Choir

**9 PM** Candles, carols, the Chancel and apPRAISEation Bell Choirs help us sing Joy to the World, the Lord is Come.

**11 PM** Candles, carols and the Wesley Bell Ringers celebrate God's love in Jesus

### ***Special Announcements***

There will be no Children's Programming on Sunday, December 25th and Sunday, January 1st so that our volunteers may enjoy the holidays with their families.

There will be one worship service on December 25th at 10:00 am