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A Newsletter for West Shore Families

December, 2011

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WEST SHORE UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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R.E. Calendar

Sun., Dec. 4

9:30/11:15 Sunday School:
Children's Chapel, Gr. 1-6.
*Please send a few
coins with your child
for the offering*
10:40 Jr. Choir
6:00 Youth Group

Sun., Dec. 11

9:30/11:15 Sunday School
10:30-11:15 Jr. Choir sings
carols between services
12:30 OWL Grades 7/8

Tues., Dec. 13 7:00
R.E. Committee

Sun., Dec. 18

10:30 Choir Concert
10:30 Advent Workshop,
Grades K-6; childcare
for Infants to PreK

Sat., Dec. 24

6:00 Christmas Eve
Family Service and Child
Dedication

Sun., Dec. 25:

MERRY CHRISTMAS
10:30 Worship Service.
No Sunday School or
childcare

Teacher Volunteer

Needed. We need one
Toddler Room teacher from
January to April at 11:15 a.m.
Our teachers serve twice each
month, enjoy interesting
curriculum, great children and
veteran-led teaching teams.
Please contact Kathy
Strawser or Cathy Ross for
more information.

R.E. Quicklinks

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Sabbatical Plans

By Kathy Strawser, Director of Lifespan Faith Development



Thank you for your generous support of my upcoming sabbatical. I will be away from church life from January through March. My plans for this second "half" of sabbatical include a 400 hour, graduate course, Clinical Pastoral Education, at the Cleveland Clinic, collecting and updating the Religious Education office's selection of books, especially children's story books that speak to pastoral needs of children and parents, and spending time with family and friends. And I plan to rest, to reflect on this great faith and how I can best serve this congregation, and to rejuvenate!

I am in the final stages of planning for my absence. The co-ministers, intern minister, staff and many of you have made generous commitments to keep my areas of church life going, which I truly appreciate. I know all will be well, for you and for me. I will miss you and hope you'll stop by to say goodbye before December ends. I look forward to returning with much renewed energy and many great ideas.

Trick or Treat for UNICEF

brought in \$81.05 this year. Thank you to all our West Shore children who helped raise money for this United Nations program that assists children in need the world over.

The Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree, filled with ornaments created by member Roxanne Janilla and each labeled with a Christmas gift requested by mothers and children supported by the Cleveland Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center, will be displayed in the Rotunda. Please stop by, choose an ornament, purchase the gift, and leave it under the tree, unwrapped, by Sunday, December 11. All items must be new and not used.

The Sanctuary Tree

YES...West Shore, there will be a big tree this year! Thanks much for your many offers to help get the 21-foot Bliss farm tree up and beautifully decorated. We will be contacting folks soon about specific tasks. Kits for ornaments are ready at the RE table. Finished ornaments should be returned to the table by Sunday, December 11.

Young Carolers

Our Junior Choir will sing us into the season with caroling on Sunday, December 11. Enjoy their music in Baker Hall at 10:30 a.m. and the Rotunda at 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Luminaria

The seventh and eighth grade youth and their teachers will create these special lanterns on Sunday, December 11, at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.