

Tampa Congregation

News and Notes

Nov. 12, 2017

TAMPA ACTIVITIES

- Nov. 19 **Thanksgiving Potluck**
- Nov. 26 **Cards for the Troops**
- Nov. 26 **Church Decorating**
- Dec 3 **Advent 1 (HOPE)**
- Dec 10 **Advent 2 (PEACE)**
- Dec 10 **Christmas Cookie Exchange and FOTM Recognition**
- Dec 15-16 **Red Kettle Ministry**
- Dec 17 **Advent 3 (LOVE)**
- Dec 17 **Angels Unaware Distribution**
- Dec 24 **Advent 4 (JOY)**

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Our church family Thanksgiving Potluck is NEXT WEEK! If you can stay for a few minutes today to help arrange the Fellowship Hall, your assistance will be appreciated!

Please check the bulletin board and sign up for a potluck item or two that you want to provide. Remember that the church will provide the turkey and beverages, but the rest is up to the rest of us.

On the same bulletin board you'll also find a signup sheet for the clean-up crew. We always have a few dishes and serving pieces to wash, but mostly it's trash removal, clean the tables, floors, etc.

This has always been a great time of fellowship for our congregation. Please plan to participate!



CARDS FOR THE TROOPS

What a response! We're very near our goal of 1,000 (or more) Christmas cards to be sent to active-duty servicemen, patients at the VA Hospital and residents of the Veteran's Home. And, while we didn't hear from the overseas soldiers last year, we had notes of thanks and appreciation from both the VA Hospital and the Veteran's Home in Land O' Lakes for the cards we provided last year.

Please provide as many cards as you can and have them back to the church by Sunday, Nov. 26, the same day as the church decorating party.

ANGELS UNAWARE

You can begin to donate to the Angels Unaware project at any time. Just write on the memo line of your check something to indicate that this is to support "Angels Unaware." You can give your check directly to Twyla Wheeler or designate a portion of your donation in the Mission Tithes envelope to Angels Unaware. As in the past, we're suggesting \$20.00 - \$25.00. And, just like last year, if you can donate a roll or two of wrapping paper (even some leftover from last year is fine), or



some ribbons, bows, tape, etc. that would be great!

Finally, we'll prepare and post the list of "House" gifts on the bulletin board shortly, for those who prefer to shop for the house needs.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Be sure you have the Cookie Exchange on Sunday, Dec. 10 in your calendars. There will be a light lunch provided (sandwiches, chips, etc. for a free-will offering). Then each family is asked to bring at least two dozen of their favorite Christmas cookies, either home made or store-bought. After lunch we'll have a cookie potluck where we will also celebrate our fourth quarter Families of the Month.



RED KETTLE MINISTRY

Check the sign up sheet on the bulletin board for the 2017 Red Kettle Ministry at our traditional site, the **Wal-Mart Super Center** on Gunn Highway (Citrus Park area). We'll man the kettle from **11:00 AM - 7:00 PM on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15-16.**

It is recommended that you share your shift with at least one other person so one can take a quick break if necessary. And, if you can commit to a two-hour shift, that seems to work best. Of course any time you can be there is appreciated.



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