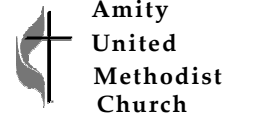


The Amity Disciple



December 2008

Christmas Eve Worship

7 pm, Wednesday, December 24

A Service of Candlelight and Communion



Peace

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Children's Ministries

Amity lives Jesus' words

Babies and Toddlers

Our nursery offers loving care for ages two and under in Room 8. Please ask ushers for directions.

Ages 3 – Grade 5

Sunday School: Children's Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. concurrent with Adult Christian Education.

Children's Time, Children's Church: As the 11:00 a.m. worship service begins, children who attended Sunday School generally sit together on the front row with their teachers and welcome any child in the congregation to join them. During *Children's Time*, all children in the congregation are invited to gather on the Chancel steps for a special lesson. Following *Children's Time*, they may attend *Children's Church* or remain with their families. Every child is welcome to participate in *Sunday School* and/or *Children's Time/Church* as they feel comfortable.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to all of you who contributed supplies, satisfied requests, made food, and attended our Advent Festival!

We continue to "squeeze in" puppet practice into Sunday School mornings. We are scheduled to perform the Nativity Story on December 14 during Children's Time at the 11:00 a.m. service. If possible, please have your child wear a simple white shirt/top on that day. Also, if you know your child will not be in attendance for the puppet show, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you for bringing your children to Amity each week. Attending regularly really helps them feel connected to each other and "their" church. Our program is continuing to grow and we will split our Sunday School lessons by the end of January. Refreshment time and game time will still be shared to keep us all connected.

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Let the little children
come to me ...

LUKE 18:16

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Making gift bags from recycled Christmas cards (pictured at left) and creating our own gift wrap were just two of the many activities children and adults alike enjoyed our Advent Festival held on November 30, the First Sunday in Advent. We experienced a four-fold increase in participation over last year!

In January we will be updating our registration forms and files. Please take a few minutes to fill out a form for your child when you see the table set up outside our door.

May the blessings of the season be upon you,

Eileen, Caroline, and Hillary

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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Information for the Sunday  
Bulletin is due by noon  
every Tuesday.

### RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN  
YOUR ARTICLES  
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS**

**December 12**



"See? The church is full now, but after you shake it and make it snow, the church is empty."

### **A Christmas blessing**

*May you have the Spirit of Christmas,  
which is Peace,  
The Gladness of Christmas, which is Hope,  
The Heart of Christmas, which is Love,  
The Gift of Christmas, which is Christ.*

—Ada Hendricks