

November 2017

Point your kids in the right direction— when they're old they won't be lost. Proverbs 22:6 (MSG)



This week we will finish up our second rotation of Cross Training. We have had workshops in cooking, games, and video all focusing on Esther! The most popular

so far has been making Hamantaschen (Hamaan's Hats) cookies and learn about the festival of Purim, which commemorates the Esther story.



This past week we had a fantastic time with Lori Fithian and DRUMMUNITY! We talked

about the importance of working together, being welcoming, kind, and looking out for our neighbor, all while making a joyful noise to the Lord! To see some pictures and video from this event, click <u>HERE</u>. To see a great article on WHY DRUMMING can be valuable in the church setting, click <u>HERE</u>.



Save the Date! Friday, December 8th 6:30 – 8:30 PM



miss this Don't hands-on interactive *experience for the whole family! Experience* Bethlehem the during census, visit shopkeepers in the market place, and learn about their trades. Make special keepsakes and sample breads and sweets along your *journey!* Follow the innkeeper to the stable to meet Mary, Joseph, the Baby Jesus and the animals! This will be a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors! Registration will be available starting November 5th on the church website.

Admission is FREE!



For more information on Children's Offerings at Saline First United Methodist Church, please contact Linda Klepaczyk at <u>lindak@fumc-saline.org</u> or text 734 646 7987.



CALLING ALL 5TH & 6TH GRADERS!

We have a DEN 56

event for you to put on your calendars! Our first DEN 56 night will be November 17th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Join us for an evening in the Den for friends, fun, pizza, and Thanksgiving Minute To Win It! Parents can email Linda Klepaczyk at <u>lindak@fumc-saline.org</u> to sign-up for this fun evening! This would be a great event to bring a friend! Hope to see you there.

In December, DEN 56 will take place on the 15th!



November will see the re-forming of our black light presentation group. All 5th through 8th graders are welcome to participate. We will be preparing for a presentation for the December family worship Sunday on December 3rd. A signup will be sent out to determine exact rehearsal times.

Christmas

Cantata



December 17th There will be several ways children can participate on cantata Sunday.

- Ages K-1 ... can play rainbow bells at the beginning of each service
- Ages 2-6 ...will have the choice to participate in a movement piece and/or a carol sing-a-long with the choir and orchestra.

Participation is voluntary. If choosing to be part of this day of celebration, children are asked to participate in both services. As winter approaches, so does cold and flu season. A reminder for those who have little ones in the nursery, but a good rule for everyone!



Mary had a líttle lamb. She also had the flu. When Mary left the nursery, the others had it too. So anytime your child is sick, please keep them home with you. Then the children in our nursery Will be happy and healthier too.

Things You Need To Know About Kids &Worship



- **1. FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY** is the first Sunday of each month.
- 2. Children can sign up to be WORSHIP BUDDIES to assist in worship on FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAYS. A signup will be sent out each month.
- **3. WORSHIP BAGS** are available hanging in the back of the sanctuary for any children wishing to check them out for service time.
- 4. SENSORY BAGS are located in the box under the usher's pew in the back of the sanctuary for those who might benefit from one.
- 5. WORSHIP OUR WAY takes place for grades 1-6, after the children's message, each week during both services.
- 6. GODLY PLAY is a worship service for ages 4 through kindergarten and is presently offered in the first service only.