



First Pres Kids

January 2009

Matthew 19:14 - but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Covering the news and events of the preschool and elementary children at First Presbyterian Church, Florence, S.C.

Living Nativity 2008



Our 2008 production of the Living Nativity drew over 500 individuals from our Church and community during both night's presentations. Even threatening weather, which forced the presentation into the CLC on Wednesday night, could not ruin the efforts of preschoolers and elementary children participating in this year's rendition of the birth of Christ. A big Thank You goes out to all the parents and individuals that helped make this year's Living Nativity a success!

Parent's Night Out



We had an exciting and crazy Parent's Night Out. We made 8 different crafts (snow men, glass ornaments, bells, and much more) We had a good meal of pizza, variety of veggies and cookies to end it off. We played relay games, balloon tag, and blind-folded games. Then the night ended with *A Muppet Christmas Carol*. All together the night was wonderful. Thank you to all those who participated and those who helped.

Child and Family Service Day

Saturday, January 17th

As a way for our children and families to experience the act of service, we are starting in our own Church. On Saturday, the 17th of January, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., we are having a Service Day. We will be painting the classrooms, organizing the craft closet, clearing out the ball room, checking to see if toys are working and making signs to place around our children's area. Lunch will be provided. If you plan to participate, please contact Jessica (662-2583) or jwood@florencefirst.org so that the appropriate preparations can be made.

Sunday School Teachers Training Allergies/CPR

On January 28th, Jennifer Gard will be teaching about how to handle an allergic attack. We will also be having a guest CPR trainer go over the requirements to be certified in CPR. This training will last from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Caroling



A number of our children helped to spread some Christmas cheer by joining in the Church's annual Christmas Caroling event. A large group of children and adults caravanned around Florence, stopping to sing at several member's houses.

Preparing Food Boxes



Eliza Wilhoit helps to prepare one of the many food boxes that our Church distributes to those in need.

Confirmation Classes to Begin

Our 2009 Confirmation Classes will begin for 6th grade with an Orientation Party on Sunday, January 25th at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Children will attend an 18 week course, from February 1st through May 31st, on Sunday morning at 9:45 AM where they will meet with their assigned mentor. The last Sunday of every month we will meet as a group during the Sunday School hour. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Jessica.

Sunday School Teacher Curriculum Training

On January 21st, an instructor from Great Commission (the company that supplies our Sunday school curriculum) will be present for a two hour training session. He will be teaching us how to better work with all the materials that are available to us. This is a wonderful time to ask any questions and have a chance to learn more about the curriculum. This session will start at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Girl Scout Cookie Time

The Girl Scout Troop 513, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church, will be conducting their annual cookie sales. Each box will be \$3.50. The money raised from the cookie sales goes to support the Troop's activities. The scouts will be set up on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall or on Wednesday nights in the CLC for pre-orders. They will be taking pre-orders until February 4th, so look for us to order your favorites!

Upcoming January Events

Presbyterian Playhouse Resumes:

Wednesday, January 7th , 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Children's Sub-committee:

Monday, January 12th , 5:45 p.m.

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