



# December Chatter 2017

## *From the Director's Desk...*

As we enter this magical, yet busy holiday season, I would like to say thank you to each of our wonderful AGC families for donating so much. Whether it was much needed supplies for Koinonia, time and/or food for our Thanksgiving Feast or supporting our school through our Holiday Vendor Fair-thank you!

Please join us at our December Fundraiser-Parents' HoliDay Out on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-11. AGC students, and siblings up to grade 4, are welcome to join the AGC staff for a morning full of holiday yoga with Ms Faith, crafts, a movie and lots of playtime! Pizza lunch will be served!! Please email me or sign up outside my office. We hope to see you all there!

Our other event in December is our Christmas Concert and Luncheon on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Ms. Karen and your amazing children have been working hard to prepare a wonderful performance. It is a truly touching sight and I encourage all to attend.

In January, we will begin registration for the 2017-2018 school year. If your child is in the Lambs, Monkeys or Rainbows, you will be receiving a registration packet. If you have any other younger children that you would like a registration packet for, or you have a child in the Fish Pond or Butterflies and are considering another year of preschool, please let me know. In-house registration will begin on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will then have Open Registration beginning on

Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please be sure to register your child the week of January 24<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in returning to All God's Children next year. We greatly appreciate you spreading the word to friends and neighbors about our school. Positive word of mouth is our BEST and most INEXPENSIVE form of advertisement. I will have brochures and registration forms available in my office for you to take to neighbors and friends!

Again, thank you for your generosity and support, it is greatly appreciated. I wish you a joyous holiday season and look forward to seeing you all in 2018!

### December Dates to Remember-

- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>-CFA Day
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>-Red Shirt Day
- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>-FUMC "Night in Bethlehem"
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>-Pizza Day
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>-Spirit Day
- Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>-Christmas Program @11
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>-NO SCHOOL
- Christmas Break
- Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>-Parents' "Holi" Day Out

### The Fish Pond-Ms Bernadette and Ms Faith

**"She gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth." Luke 2:7**

Merry Christmas and Happy December Fish Pond families! "Christmas and Angels among us" are our themes of the month and "red" is our color. This month we will prepare for Christmas and learn the meaning of this joyous and blessed event. We will celebrate the birth of Jesus by reading stories, making crafts, and engaging in fun activities



showing our love for Him. In December, we will continue learning our letters and numbers and start writing and recognizing our last names. We hope you had a wonderful

Thanksgiving and enjoyed our Thanksgiving festivities. We are very thankful for your wonderful children and enjoy seeing them grow each day. We are also thankful to our amazing room parents who have assisted our little fish in classroom activities and helped at school events.

A Blessed Christmas to your families and enjoy the holiday break!

### The Butterfly Class-Ms Michele and Ms Preeti

**"She gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth" Luke 2:7**



The month of December is a magical time for all our little Butterflies. We hope to teach them about the wonderful season of giving with the birth

of Jesus. Our curriculum theme is Christmas and Angels among us and the Bible verse is "She gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth" Luke 2:7 We will include candy cane, Rodolph, Christmas trees and more to our fun this month. Even our play dough smells like cinnamon☺. Be emotionally prepared for your child's keepsake gift this year! Our number and

letter of the month will be 7 and Gg. We continue to work daily on writing our names, letter recognition, word building and sounds. Math skills are emerging in counting, working with the abacus, games and patterns. We forge ahead with our small motor skills through coloring, cutting and arts and crafts. And oh boy, aren't we getting better at it? We will have a book exchange on the 15<sup>th</sup>!!! You will find the details in our class newsletter that is coming soon.

Before we sing happy birthday to Jesus we will sing an out loud happy birthday to Miss Preeti as she turns 5 this month.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

### The Rainbow Class-Ms Sharon and Ms Suzanne

**"I am bringing you good news of great joy," Luke 2:10**

What a wonderful season we are entering! The magic and beauty of Christmas is in the air, and none more so than with our little ones. The Rainbows will decorate our bulletin boards showing our preparation for the birth of Jesus. What would we give Baby Jesus for His birthday? Our Rainbows will tell us!

This month we will learn about the letters Kk, Ll, and Mm and make art with stars and rectangles. We have finished practicing writing our names in our name books,



and continue to trace and write our names everyday so that soon we can write our names on our own papers. We will also make some Christmas surprises and some ornaments that will make tasty treats for our bird friends. Every day we will learn something new about the birth of Jesus when we turn an "ornament" over on our Christmas Story Tree. The beautiful sounds of Christmas will float from our classroom as we listen to music sung and played ranging from medieval times to music of today.

Baby Jesus is not the only one to celebrate a birthday this month. Miss Suzanne will ring in the new year celebrating her birthday Dec. 31!

## The Monkey Class-Ms Heera, Ms Laurence and Ms Elaine

“Glory to God in highest heaven” Luke 2:14

November just flew by, and what a busy month the Monkeys had. The Monkeys are doing great in music class and working hard to learn their Christmas music. Ms. Karen tells me all the time that the Monkeys are doing great. I just love hearing from the kids that they are excited to go to music and sing.

Monkey Christmas!



They also love visiting chapel and talking with Pastor James. Not only do our little Monkeys love our specials each week, they also love playing outside on the playground, in the stage room and in our classroom. They continue to grow each week as they transition from playing around each other, to playing with each other, helping each other and learning to communicate their feelings and emotions and, of course, learning to share.

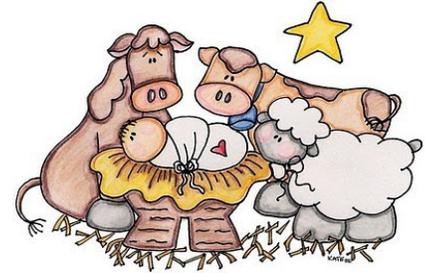
What a blessing our Thanksgiving lunch was last week before the holiday. The monkeys loved coming into chapel and seeing their parents! The food was great, the room was decorated so beautifully, and I enjoyed seeing all our classes coming together to fellowship with one another. Thank you so much to every one of you for all you did to help make the day so special.

We started the month with our picture day, and the kids had so much fun. I hope you are enjoying the final product, I think each photo captured the fun personality every one of the kids has – we enjoyed seeing them and we especially love the class picture. What great memories are being made!

## The Lambs-Ms Jessie and Ms Dani

“Glory to God in highest heaven” Luke 2:14

We are so thankful for our wonderful Lambs and their families, so we enjoyed our Thanksgiving celebration before our break, very much. We had fun making our Tree of Thanks that was



decorated with leaves made especially by all our Lambs. The children really enjoyed making their Native American head bands and were proud to wear them during our festivities.

We are fortunate to have this extra week to begin our many activities in preparation for our Christmas celebrations. Our Lambs were so excited to come back to class and see their classroom door decorated and bearing their names (may we proudly mention they can ALL recognize each other’s names!) There will be many “hush” projects going on in the Lambs class as our children begin to make their very own Christmas gifts for you (these gifts bring joy for many, many years to come for all of us parents). In addition to reading fun books about Christmas, we are reading about the birth of baby Jesus at circle time each day. We are only at school for a few weeks and it is going to fly by with the many activities we have planned as well as the rehearsals for our Christmas Program.

We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord with you on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Our Lambs are working very hard on learning the songs and signs for the program, we are so proud of all of them!

## Music Class-Ms Karen



I hope you all had a memorable Thanksgiving. In music class, we are still practicing for the All God's Children Christmas Program (Thursday, December 14th, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary). For this year's program, "Peace on Earth," all classes will sing and do sign language for "A Caroling We Go" (Countdown Kids: 60 Christmas Carols for Kids); "Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella" (Countdown Kids: 60 Christmas Carols for Kids); and "Silent Night" (Cedarmont Kids: Christmas Carols). The words are printed below, and you are encouraged to go over them with your child at home, if possible.

In December, we'll turn up our holiday mood by playing drums to "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" (Brenda Lee) and playing bells to "Jingle Bell Rock" (Bobby Helms). We'll prance like reindeer to "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer" (Gene Autry). We'll dance to "Frosty the Snowman" (The Beach Boys). Then we'll play triangles to "Have A Holly Jolly Christmas" (Burl Ives). Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### A Caroling We Go

A Caroling, A Caroling, A Caroling  
We Go  
Hearts Filled with Music and  
Cheeks Aglow  
From House to House  
We Bring the Message of The King  
Again  
Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men  
Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men

We Bring You Season's Greetings  
And We Wish the Best to You  
And May Our Wish Last the  
Whole Year Through  
Come Join Us If You Will  
As We Are Singing Once Again  
Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men  
Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men

Now You May Have Your Holly  
And Perhaps Some Mistletoe  
Maybe A Fir Tree and Maybe  
Snow  
But Wouldn't It Be Wonderful  
If We Could Have Again  
Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men  
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### Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

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Bring A Torch to The Stable, Run!  
It Is Jesus, Good Folk of The  
Village  
Christ Is Born and Mary's Calling  
Ah! Ah! Beautiful Is the Mother  
Ah! Ah! Beautiful Is Her Son!

Hasten Now, Good Folk of The  
Village  
Hasten Now the Christ Child to  
See  
You Will Find Him Asleep In A  
Manger  
Quietly Come and Whisper Softly  
Hush! Hush! Peacefully Now He  
Slumbers  
Hush! Hush! Peacefully Now He  
Sleeps

Softly to The Little Stable  
Softly for A Moment Come  
Silence, All, As You Gather Around  
Him  
Lest Your Noise Should Waken  
Jesus  
Hush! Hush! See How the Child Is  
Sleeping  
Hush! Hush! See How He Smiles in  
Dreams

### Silent Night

Silent Night, Holy Night  
All Is Calm, All Is Bright  
'Round Yon Virgin Mother and  
Child  
Holy Infant So Tender And Mild  
Sleep in Heavenly Peace  
Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Silent Night, Holy Night  
Son of God, Love's Pure Light  
Radiant Beams from Thy Holy Face  
With the Dawn Of Redeeming  
Grace  
Jesus, Lord, At Thy Birth  
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Happy Birthday to our December babies!



Bruce will be 5 on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Bradley will be 4 on the 19<sup>th</sup>



## *PARENT'S "HOLI"DAY OUT!*

December 20th

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

\$20 for 1<sup>st</sup> child

\$15 for 2<sup>nd</sup> child

Children will enjoy holiday yoga with Ms Faith, crafts, playtime and a movie. Pizza lunch will be provided!

*AGC siblings through grade 4 are welcome to join us!*

Please R.S.V.P. by December 14<sup>th</sup> via email to Kim or sign up outside the office.

