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Spaghetti Feed- Sunday, December 11th from 11:30 – 1:00 it is the main fund raiser for our medical mission trip to Nicaragua in February. This will be the team's 8th trip. The proceeds of this fund raiser help defray the cost of supplies they take as well as the donation they make to a special cause which is decided when they get there. **In the past they have used the funds to buy food for the orphanage which houses 160+ orphaned children, provide food to a feeding station that feeds several hundred children every day, uniforms for the children to attend school, money to a local volunteer & his staff who fix meals & deliver them every day to children who live in a dump, necessary items for the hospital, etc.** Team members who will be going this year are Dean & Carolyn Athey and Tamra Boettcher, all of Columbus and Karl & Sue Tillinghast (formerly of Columbus) and Alicia Henderson of Lincoln. If you would like any more information about the mission trip, please feel free to contact one of them.

Star Campaign for Mission and Ministry obligations for 2016

The Finance Committee has set a goal of placing 50 Stars in the Sanctuary this Christmas season, representing \$1,000 per star in additional funds needed to pay our Mission Shares (our district and conference mission & ministry obligations) for 2016. If you would like to support this project you can mark your memo area of the check "Star Campaign." You can purchase an entire Star, part of a Star or multiple Stars. Thank you for this support as we meet our Mission Share goal for 2016.

CALENDAR:

Dec. 8 ~ Blue Christmas worship at Federated Church at 6:30 PM (soup meal prior: all are welcome)

Dec. 10 & 11 Bake Sale before and after the 6:00 PM, 8:00 AM, and 10:30 AM Service in the Chapel Parlor

Dec. 11~ Medical Mission Trip to Nicaragua Spaghetti Feed fundraiser from 11:30 – 1:00 PM

Dec. 11 ~ Children’s Christmas program at 10:30 AM in worship; Mission committee “hearts” are due; Youth Bake Sale

Dec. 19 ~ 6:30 PM Healing Service @ Outreach Center (Meditation Room) – experience the Spirit’s presence as we pray for church family members & friends in need of healing; Blood Drive @ Outreach Center from 12:00- 6:00 PM

Dec. 21 ~ 7:30 AM Word + Table- special Christmas week service featuring Holy Communion.

YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

2017 Calendars are now on sale from the Senior High Mission Team. The calendars can be purchased from team members or in the church office for \$8 each.

Wednesday night meals are needed. Every week 40+ people have supper in the Youth Underground at the Outreach Center. You may sign up to provide all of the meal or just a portion of it. Please check out the binder in the chapel parlor to sign up to help or talk to Sarah Borgman. Monetary donations for the meals are also accepted.

Camp Fontanelle Christmas Camp. December 16 – 18, 2016. Do you know of a youth between the ages of 9 and 14, who would benefit from a weekend filled with fun? Some of the activities that the campers will get to participate in include: zip lining, activities at the Petting Barn, hiking, and Jumping Pillow. There will be singing around a fire, roasting marshmallows and maybe even tubing if the weather is right. Sign up fast, because this camp’s maximum is only 40 campers!

Nativity Scenes- We have 8 nativity scene sets that can be given away for free will donations. Please pick those up in the church office. The office also has angels and baby Jesus from last year. If a child was not able to attend those weeks they can stop in the office and pick one up.

MISSION & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

Treasured Recipes: *The Salad Edition Cookbook* - second printing in process! Please call the church office (402) 564-8463 and reserve yours today for only \$12.00 each. "In-house" costs were estimated around \$5 each – that leaves \$7 per cookbook for Disaster Relief! Be generous & remember that these cookbooks make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries & Christmas!

Car Decals are for sale in the church office by the Evangelism committee; stop and see if you would like to purchase one for \$7.00. This is another great way to get our name out in the public.

2017 MISSION TRIP TO WILLOW UMC, ALASKA!!! Willow United Methodist Church, our Faith Partner, recently contacted the Mission Committee to see if it church would send a VIM (Volunteers in Mission) team to cut and distribute firewood and help host Vacation Bible School. The VIM mission would last approximately 7 days. We are asking for a dates during the last two weeks of July, 2017. The approximate cost would be \$800 for airfare and approximately \$400 to cover rental cars and most meals. We need 10 people to form a team. The team is limited to 15 participants. For more information, please contact Denise Kracl at (402) 615-1020 or huskergirl29@yahoo.com.

Community Connection!

Free Lunch & Learn Managing Stress During the Holidays. Sponsored by Columbus Community Hospital. **Monday, December 12 @ Noon** light lunch will be provided. Located on the third floor conference center Platte & Pawnee Rooms. Pre-registration requestd by Wednesday, December 7. Contact the Hospital at 402-562-3380 or register online at www.columbushosp.org.