

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Sing with Your Children or Grandchildren
So many of you are making trips to Eckert’s to pick apples. Maybe you would like to sing this song with your little ones. It is called *I Love Apples!* Sing it to the tune of *You Are My Sunshine*.

“I love red apples. I love red apples. And I could eat them every day.
I love the sweet ones and I love the tart ones. Please don't take my apples away.

I love green apples. I love green apples. And I could eat them every day.
I love them sour, They give me power. Apples keep the doctor away.

I love yellow apples. I love yellow apples. And I could eat them every day.
I love them crunchy. I love them munchy. Please don't take my apples away.”

O Come to the Altar

On October 14 in 8:30 worship our choir sang an a cappella version of the 2016 worship song, *O Come to the Altar*.

In the Bible the altar was a place where people came before God and sought to be made holy for His purpose. Back then they sacrificed animals to experience communion with God. Since Jesus' death was the ultimate sacrifice on the altar of the cross, we can come before God without needing to make animal sacrifices. Instead we surrender our own lives to God so that we can be living sacrifices. This song so beautifully expresses the fact that we have been made holy and acceptable by God because of Jesus' blood.

Plans for the Singing Tree...

continue to roll along. We will bring tree components into the Worship Center on November 18 and the building will begin on that day. The plan is to finish building on Monday, November 19.

Be thinking about how you can support the ministry of the Singing Tree Presentation. We will have needs for ushers, greeters. mom wranglers, parking attendants and child care workers, to name a few. You may have talents and gifts that we don't know about. Don't hesitate to come forward to take part in bringing this event to fruition. And - certainly invite friends, neighbors, working associates and others you may casually meet to come celebrate the birth of our Savior as we present *Light Into Darkness*.

AND if you happen to know of a little baby that will be 3 months or younger at the time of the production, please let us know. Contact Janet@feefeebc.org or Ronna@feefeebc.org.

Family Service Opportunity

Just before that last leaf falls, you are invited to join us raking leaves for our church family and neighbors in the community who need help. This is a great way for families to serve together. We will need rakers, leaf blowers, and people to pick up leaves. Since the trees have not even started to turn colors yet, dates cannot be determined but it will be on two Saturday mornings.

Please think about your neighbors who might need help, too; this would be a great way to show love to our community. Submit addresses to **Gloria**. If you are unable to help, why not purchase a package of leaf bags to help with the cost of bagging leaves. We used 35 bags at one house last year!

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Interim Youth Director

Sunday Morning Bible Study

For the next four weeks on Sunday mornings, we will be going over a study call “Scandalous”. The premise of this lesson is to look deeper into the negative attitudes that surround this world, and what the Bible says on how we should respond to these issues. The lessons will include topics of being colorblind to other races or ethnic groups, ignoring labels, the value of men and women, equality, and a focus on relationships, not rules and rituals. These topics are comprised of things that students talk about in the hallways, so we want to give them an opportunity to have the tools to be able to talk to their friends on these critical topics.

Wednesday Night Small Groups

On Wednesday nights, we will be starting a brand new series called “The Kingdom: Here & Now”. This series will give us the picture of what the kingdom of God is, how we can see it, and how we can be a part of it. Come join us Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30 for an evening of fun games, food, fellowship, videos, and small groups!

Trunk or Treat

On Sunday, October 28, Fee Fee will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat! This is a huge event that is only made possible by volunteers. Two years ago, we had around 1,000 people attend and last year we had just over 700. We need your help to make this event possible! The youth can help in many different areas. We need face painters, popcorn poppers, candy runners, etc. We will have sign up sheets in the Rafters for volunteers to help out!

International Food Pantry

On Saturday, November 3, we will be heading back to serve at the International Food Pantry. This is an amazing opportunity for your students to serve the local community. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. and will be back around noon. This is also a great opportunity for your students to earn community service hours!

Trivia Night

On Saturday, November 10, we will be hosting our annual Trivia Night Fundraiser! This will help our students raise money for their mission trip this summer to Houston, Texas. Students, make sure you are at the church at 5:00 p.m. and you will be released around 9:30 p.m., once we are done with clean up. Sign up in the Rafters so we know you will be there!

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

As the holidays approach and our schedules fill up, our activities are gearing down. Twenty of us are going to Branson for two days November 7-9 to see *Samson* and the lights of Silver Dollar City.

The only other activity planned for the year is our tour of the Christmas display in O’Fallon at the Celebration of Lights. Join us at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, for the tour and hot chocolate and cookies in the coffee café afterwards.

You will also want to gather groups of friends to come with you for the Singing Christmas Tree on December 14-16.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

On Sunday, November 4. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 3!



Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

We are in process of setting up a sensory room for children with disabilities that can be used by teachers during church activities or for parents to use with their children. There are some items we could use in that room listed below. If you have any of these and can donate them, let us know. We could use: an exercise ball, smaller soft balls for a ball pit, a play tent or hut, sit and spin, play tunnel, individual trampoline, floor mats, colorful stuffed pillows (washable), large piece puzzles, squishy ball and tubes. Since most of these items are large, please bring to church office or contact me to come pick it up. Thank you for your help to create a quiet, creative place for our families.

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 28, 5:00-7:30 p.m. Hotdogs and drinks will be offered as will loads of trunks, games and candy. We need lots of candy and lots of volunteers. There is a bin in the breezeway for your candy donations. There are sign-up sheets on the Connections bulletin board. Set-up begins at 2:30 p.m. If you are hosting a trunk, your vehicle needs to be in place by 4:30 p.m. so we can rope off the area. Thank you for serving our community in this way!

Take the challenge to continue to serve your community by giving out candy at your home on Halloween night. There will be no activities here at the church on Halloween night so you have the night to get to know your community. Flyers about our church or salvation are available to give away as well. See me if you want some of these flyers to hand out.

Parents’ Night Out, Friday, December 7, 5:00-10:00 p.m.

Needed: donations for a gift store that night for kids to do their “Christmas shopping”; volunteers to work; and donations for care of your children. Money donations will go to youth mission trip. See me if interested or sign up in the youth rafters.

Tuesday, December 18, *Loaves and Fishes*

Kids will have an opportunity to plan a meal and serve in Bridgeton at Loaves and Fishes. Our church has accepted the challenge to have a group serve every 3rd Tuesday of the month. We will have info coming later about getting the meal and serving it. This will be from about 4:00-7:00 p.m. We will prepare the meal, serve it and eat with the people at the center. Plan on this great event with your family. Sign up sheets will be up in December.

Deut. 6:4-7. *Listen to me. The Lord is our God. The Lord is the one and only God. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength. The commandments I give you today must be in your hearts. Make sure your children learn them. Talk about them when you are at home. Talk about them when you walk along the road. Speak about them when you go to bed and when you get up....* Deut. 6:4-7.

Bible Study Corner

Be faithful in Bible study. Our church has many opportunities on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m., Sunday night at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday nights at 6:15 p.m. for both men and women and Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Get the Word of God in you so you can LOVE your neighbor!