

Mrs. Dillman

A few years ago, I bought a figurine for Christmas of Santa kneeling at the manger. I bought it to remind me of the true meaning of Christmas. It doesn't always work as I find myself getting caught up in the frenzy of the holidays. Since the kids are bombarded enough with the secular holiday, I decided to devote the month of December to Advent. Just like in the song the children are learning for our program, "Light one candle Advent's here, Christmas time is near." We will still be practicing our last names, learning about phonics, numbers, science, social studies and art, all with the Advent theme.

I think all the children enjoyed the units on the Mayflower, the American Indians and the Pilgrims and the program about the Turkey. I think our diorama turned out great! I learned so much I never knew about that time in history. Thank you so much for all the help with our Thanksgiving feast. It was fun to get together with Mrs. Johnston's class. I will need help with the Christmas party; sign up sheet will be on the table. All parents are invited to come, but this is not a requirement. You do not have to participate in every party, but I totally have been there when "everybody's parent was there but you,"

speech is whined. Please feel free to visit the class any time you are able. We can always use the extra hands, especially at this time of year. A special thank you to Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Kehl and Mrs. Belknap for helping with our class last month.

I hope all of you enjoy the Holidays and the winter break. Remember, "Jesus is the reason for the season."

Have a blessed and joyous Christmas,
Mrs. Dillman

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Mitten Tree Coming Soon!

Watch for our mitten tree in the church. Please help decorate it with mittens, hats, scarves and socks for the local food pantry.



Coat Drive

Winter is just around the corner....and so is the need for coats!! David Lutheran Preschool along with David

Lutheran Church will be collecting Childrens' coats, mittens, gloves, hats and boots to help LOCAL families. So as you are cleaning out your closets... please bring any outgrown childrens items to the church. Drop boxes for collection will be available at the pre-

school entrance and outside the church office. All donations will go to Hopeful Hearts Clothing Ministry in Canal Winchester. Hopeful hearts provides clothing to local families in need. Thanks for helping to keep our little ones warm!

For the month of December, we will forgo the usual donations to the local food pantry and instead concentrate on an ELCA mission on the OSU campus called Jacob's Porch. This group has a food pantry in their basement for students at the University. They are seeking non-perishable items that would be easy for a college student to eat and/or prepare. Some suggestions are:

- Chef Boyardee (any canned variety)
- Pizza sauce
- Spaghetti sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Frozen Vegetables (anything frozen)
- Rice

- Syrup
- Soup
- Crackers
- Oatmeal
- Granola bars
- Breakfast bars
- Peanut butter
- Ramen noodles
- Canned tuna
- Salsa
- Cereal
- Hot chocolate
- Drink mixes (lemonade, etc.)
- Snack items
- Popcorn

Donations can be taken to the church side of the building and



placed on the shelves outside the church office.

For more information about this ministry, please visit www.jacobsporch.com.

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Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Sunday School room upstairs.