

# Children's Ministry at St. John's UMC

October/November 2017

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## Fall project to support kids in NM, SD

This fall, the children of the church will be collecting items to stuff shoeboxes for children living on Native American reservations in South Dakota and New Mexico! Many of the children who are given these boxes do not receive any other gift at Christmas.

Wanted items include: empty shoeboxes, small toys, socks, hats, gloves, mittens, toothpaste, wrapped candy, school supplies, scarves, games, etc. One volunteer, who gathers supplies all year round for this project, says she only donates items she knows

her grandkids would enjoy receiving! Collection boxes will be in the Hospitality Center, in the FLC, and outside room 248, upstairs.

In November, we'll have a packing party to pray over, wrap, and prepare the boxes to be shipped.

Just a note for clarity: this is **NOT** Operation Christmas Child. St. John's has participated with that charity in the past. This program will be administered through the United Methodist Church in the Dakotas, and through UMC missionaries in New Mexico.



### Pricing change for PNO!

Beginning in January, the price per child attending Parents' Night Out will increase to \$15 per child. Parents can still sign up by calling the church office, or — now — by using one of the iPads located in the Narthex right outside Pastor John's office, in the church office, or in the Family Life Center. If signing up via iPad, you can pay for the event using a credit or debit card. Each PNO includes dinner, games/craft, play time and a movie!

### Mark your calendars!

**Oct. 29 — Fall Festival! In FLC. Free!**

**Nov. 15 — Last night** of Kids' Bible Club for the fall semester. See you January 10! (NewSound will continue rehearsals.)

### Just FYI

**Kids' Bible Club** meets every Wednesday, from 6 to 7 p.m. in room 248 (preschool-2nd) and room 236 (3rd and up!).

## Fall festival Oct. 29

Each year, our wonderful youth group puts together an afternoon of games, food, and fun for the kids of our church and community! The Fall Festival will be held Oct. 29, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. It's a free event — feel free to bring a friend or two! Kids are invited to wear their costumes (no weapons, please). **If you'd like to donate candy for the event**, please drop it by the church office between now and Oct. 27. Thank you!



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