

November 2017

Dear Hostess,

We are so excited that you have decided to participate in this year's Advent by Candlelight. We look forward to celebrating our Savior's birth with you and your guests. This year's program will include our feature speaker, Leslie Chretien, Superintendent of Southgate Schools; a light dinner (provided by CTK-see page 2), a thoughtful skit, Christmas caroling, desserts (provided by hostesses), and a wonderful time of fellowship with each other.

The Hostess Instruction Sheet is attached to help you start your planning. Please be sure to review the candle lighting instructions. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kim Carroll at 734-552-6843 or thecarrollfamilyis@comcast.net

Advent by Candlelight will be supporting 3 charitable organizations this year: MY STUFF BAGS FOUNDATION, RUDY'S SOCK DRIVE, and CTK FOOD PANTRY. I am attaching a description of each charity and their needs list.

We ask that you and your guests prayerfully consider giving to these charities. Each give generously to those in need.

In the past, there have been a few women who did not have a hostess and would like to attend. If you have an extra seat(s) at your table or a last minute cancellation, please contact Kim Carroll at 734-552-6843 or thecarrollfamilyis@comcast.net

CTK will provide for each hostess and guest: a baked potato bar with a variety of toppings, garden salad, bread, punch, coffee with creamers & sweeteners, and hot water for tea. Paper products for dinner will be provided by CTK. We ask that you bring a pitcher if you plan on serving punch to your guests. You will also need to provide ice if this is something you and your guests would like. We encourage you arrive early to get punch, coffee, and tea set up for your guests as they arrive.

Dinner and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. We suggest your guests arrive between 6:00-6:15 p.m. to socialize, view the beautifully decorated tables, and settle in for a blessed evening.

Thank you for taking the opportunity to share this special evening with your family and friends. It is a perfect time declare the good news that "Christ Our Savior Is Born."

God's Blessings to You!

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**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT
HOSTESS GUIDELINES**

Sunday, December 3, 2017 - 6:00 P.M.

With the hustle and bustle that accompanies the Christmas season, the Advent by Candlelight service is a wonderful time to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The inspirational message, Christmas music, and fellowship with those dear to us is a marvelous way for us to reflect on this joyous season. So, once your planning and decorating is complete we ask that you sit back, relax, and enjoy this celebration!

Items that you will need to provide:

Candles 10"-12" (2 or more)
Tablecloth for 36" x 96" table
Cups, glasses, plates, napkins, & silverware for each guest
Pitcher for punch
Carafe for coffee
Sugar and creamer set
Dessert
Ice, if you prefer
(No side tables or carts please)

Items that CTK will provide:

All paper products for dinner
Punch
Coffee and Tea
Creamers
Sugar

As you begin browsing your special recipes to find just the right dessert to share, please keep in mind that there is no refrigerator space to hold anything that needs to be chilled.

Now the fun: Decorating our tables! **BE CREATIVE!** Some examples: nativity scenes, angel scenes, Christmas trees, villages - be sure to have fun planning your theme.

If this seems overwhelming, consider teaming up with a friend and share a table!

Favors for your guests are optional.

CHARITY:

Matthew 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

When sending your invitations, please ask your guests to prayerfully consider giving to our selected charities AND to our food pantry.

Isaiah 58:10 Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

Please inform your guests that there is no smoking in the gym and only in outside designated areas. As a courtesy to others, remind them to silence cell phones once the program begins.

Tables can be decorated on Sunday from noon and need to be completed by 4 p.m. Thank you in advance for working with this time schedule.

We are asking that your guests be 14 years of age or older and be accompanied by an adult.

If possible, please set your table for 10. We may need a last minute seat for a guest.

You are welcome to use the attached invitation or your own.

FORMAL CANDLE LIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS

When you arrive, there will be a small white taper placed at each table. We'll be lighting the candles on the tables in unison from a single candle on the stage, much the same way we do at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Services.

We will announce the beginning of the program and ask that you and your guests be seated at this time

We do ask that you **DO NOT LIGHT** your candles beforehand.

At the beginning of the program, a single candle will be lit.

Two candles will be lit from this candle and taken down the middle of the gym, lighting the white taper at two tables from each row.

These tables will pass the light to the table next to them (and then that table will pass the light to the next), until each table has a lighted white taper on it.

Then, you may light the candles on your table and extinguish the taper.

If this sounds confusing to you, don't worry. This will all be explained at the beginning of the program. We hope this lighting ceremony will add a new dimension to this very special evening.

Advent by Candlelight is an exciting and spiritual way to open the doors of friendship to relatives, neighbors and friends. Let your friends, members and non-members experience the warm Christian Fellowship at Christ the King.

Thank you for helping make this one of our most memorable and enjoyable evenings.

MY STUFF BAGS FOUNDATION

The My Stuff Bags Foundation provides new belongings, comfort and hope to thousands of children each year who must be rescued from abuse, neglect and abandonment across the United States. By rallying widespread individual and corporate involvement through our unique "My Stuff Bags" program, we address the immediate physical and emotional needs of rescued children, and help support the agencies caring for them.

The My Stuff Bags Foundation's ultimate goal is to provide a My Stuff Bag filled with new belongings to each of the nearly 300,000 children each year who must enter crisis shelters and foster care with nothing of their own.

My Stuff Bags only accepts brand new items to stuff in our bags. Each of our bags, divided by age group, contains 3 things: a stuffed animal, a handmade blanket (quilted, crocheted, knit or no-sew fleece – guidelines attached) and a toiletry kit – we love those little shampoos, etc. from hotels! Our biggest need right now is for our teen boy bags: clothing, ball caps, busy books; i.e. Sudoku, crossword, **and** our newborn to age 2 bags: onesies, rattles, teething bottles.

Make a blanket for a child in crisis!

1. Use 1 ¼ to 1 ½ yard piece of Fleece, depending upon which size blanket you are making. Fabric is usually 58 inches wide. Approximate Finished Sizes: * Child 45" x 58" with 4" fringe on each side (1 ¼ yard of fabric) * Teen 54" x 58" with 4" fringe on each side (1 ½ yard of fabric)
2. Cut off rough selvage (if needed) edge on both sides (this is the side that is machine finished, not cut)
3. Cut a 4" x 4" square out of each corner and discard.
4. Cut all 4 sides into 1" x 4" strips. Tie overhand knot in the middle of the strip. Do not tie knot close to blanket edge as this causes blanket to pucker.

RUDY'S SOCK DRIVE & NO BULLY ZONE

Rudy's Sock Drive & No Bully Zone was founded in 2015 by Rudy Washington IV. His commission was to reach and uplift the homeless by collecting new socks, and attending elementary school rally's raising awareness about bullying. Rudy's Sock Drive & No Bully Zone is a 501c3 Non-Profit organization, located in SE Michigan. To inspire and empower people. Both young and old. The Bully's, the bullied and the homeless. Providing a platform, by engaging the community, raising awareness, and changing lives, one pair of new socks and one school rally at a time.

CTK FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry diminishes quickly especially during the cold weather. We are asking that each hostess and guest donate at least 2 non-perishable food items. We greatly appreciate your giving!



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