

ANNouncing Faith'S

Advent Cross+Generational

Worship at 8:30 am

(Nov 27, Dec 4, & 18)

In the Fellowship Hall

Join us for worship followed by these Advent Stations



Proclaim & Paint

Grab a paint brush and help our Advent mural come to life as we proclaim the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Rest Read

Sit and relax during this time of Advent anticipation with a book, poem, or devotional to focus on this season of love.



Remember & Re-enact

Read the scriptural account of Jesus' birth, learn the history of the first Crèche, assemble a nativity scene and wonder together about the miracle of Emmanuel - God With Us!



Litany & Light

Reflect on scriptures of Light, learn the history of Advent Wreaths, and create your own Advent Candle Centerpiece for your

home worship center.



Reverse & Reach Out

Turn your "want list" into someone else's "need list" as you focus this Advent season on the journey to Bethlehem. In a time of uncertainty, Mary and Joseph gathered what they had and traveled to Bethlehem to be counted in the census. What would they eat? Would they be warm? What did they need for themselves& a baby?

Reverse Advent: A Spiritual Discipline of Reaching Out

- 1. Gather 4 plain brown paper bags (one for each week of Advent)
- 2. Cut apart the 4 Reverse Advent signs and attach one to each bag.
- 3. Decide as a family when and how you will practice this spiritual discipline of Reaching Out. You may choose to fill your bag all at once or add one item each day during Advent. The choice is yours.
- 4. At the end of each week (or Sunday morning), bring your filled bag (or monetary contribution) to worship and place it by the manger in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall.

Throughout the Advent season, our contributions will continue to fill the Stable with a special dedication on January 8th in celebration of Epiphany. Following the dedication, the items and money collected will be distributed to our Mission Partners who are on the front lines in serving the needs of our community.

Week 1 - What food would they need for their journey to Bethlehem?

Place non-perishable FOOD ITEMS in bag #1 for those living with food insecurity served by the Trinity Presbyterian Food Pantry. Talk about the role of food in your own life. Pray for the families in our community who are living with food insecurity. \$10 value

Week 2 - What did they need for warmth?

Place WARM CLOTHES (hats, gloves, scarves, socks) in bag #2 for the homeless served by First Stop.

Talk about the clothes you wear to stay warm in the winter . Pray for those who have little or no shelter from the cold. \$20 value.

Week 3 - How would they care for themselves?

Place BASIC TOILETRIES (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, soap, shampoo, comb, nail clippers/file) in bag #3 for the housing insecure served by Downtown Rescue Mission.

<u>Talk</u> about the things you need each day to care for yourself. <u>Pray</u> for those who often have to choose between food and basic care items for survival. \$10 value

Week 4 - How would they care for a baby?

Place BABY ITEMS (bottles, diapers, wipes, etc.) in bag #4 for the infants and toddlers cared for by Second Mile Development.

Talk about the many ways babies depend on their caregivers for basic needs. Pray for those who are learning to care for their

infants and toddlers through the parenting classes offered by Second Mile Development. \$10 value