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## **Restoration for the Week**

**November 23, 2017**

**A Blessed Thanksgiving, Restoration Family and Friends!**

### **CHANGED LIVES THROUGH RESTORATION CHURCH**

**Submitted By:**

**Adger and Sandra McKay who visited Restoration in August (they work with evangelizing with the Syrian refugees in Germany).**

One exciting development began a few months ago when Sandra and I met a young Syrian couple in an international cafe a few kilometers away. We immediately felt that the Lord had some special purpose for our relationship with them. We 'tracked them down' and went to have tea with them one afternoon... only to discover that they are believers! Since they are obviously fluent in Arabic and speak a good bit of German, the four of us believe that it is time to begin a regular meeting to invite refugees (and others) into Bible study, discussion and fellowship. We covet your prayers for this endeavor, which will likely be a unique blend of discipleship/mentoring, evangelism, discussion/respectful argument(s) and social interaction. We need the Lord to rule in this as always. Please join us in this and other prayers.

We join you in Thanksgiving from Germany and bless you all in His peace, Adger, Sandra, Sam and Ian

**If you would like to share your story, email your submission of 250 words or less to [Godstories@restorationrva.org](mailto:Godstories@restorationrva.org)**

**Dinners For 10 is Next Saturday Night**

The next "Dinners for 10" community dinner will be Saturday, December 2. These are dinners for singles and couples to gather with others for fellowship at a church member's home. For more details and to register, go to [www.dinnersfor10.com](http://www.dinnersfor10.com).

### **Four More Angels**

There are only four names left on the Restoration Angel Tree. If you are looking for an opportunity to connect with a local family in a tangible way, by providing Christmas gifts to a child in need, stop by the Christmas tree display in the foyer at Oak Knoll Middle School on Sunday. Or, you can visit [HERE](#) to sign up for an Angel. The gift drop off is Sunday, December 3, before the worship service.

### **New Calendar Brings Focus of Advent Home**

Looking for a more day-to-day connection with the Advent season for you and your family? Restoration is offering an Advent home activities booklet and calendars with all of the information to help you connect counting down the days to Christmas with the story of Christmas, and some fun activities to try with your family and in the community. Consider downloading the activities [booklet](#), an [8-1/2" x 11"](#) calendar, or an [11" x 17"](#) calendar. Restoration will also make calendars available at the Welcome Center and at the Family Advent Workshop.

### **Family Advent Workshop**

The Family Advent Workshop is a little over a week away--Sunday, December 3, at Oak Knoll Middle School, following the worship service. There will be several fun, interactive stations, live music and pizza. This event is free and open to the community, so invite your friends! Please [REGISTER HERE](#).

### **Musicians Requested for Advent Workshop**

If you would like to join Restoration's youth bands in providing music for the Advent Workshop, the call is out for solos, duets, and group acts. Please visit [HERE](#) for more information and to sign up on the roster. If you need instrumental accompaniment, you can include that when you sign up.

### **Four More Youth Needed for Workshop**

Four openings remain for youth to help staff the interactive stations at the Family Advent Workshop, on December 3 after the worship service. Help is especially needed in the latter half of the event (12:15-1/P). Interested youth should sign up for a shift [HERE](#). Pizza will be provided!

### **Children's Pageant Rehearsals Continue**

Rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Pageant continue on Sunday mornings at 9:30/A at Oak Knoll Middle School, through December 10. All children from 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to participate. The pageant will be presented during the worship service on Sunday, December 10. Please contact Andrea Ellett, [andrea.greciellett@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.greciellett@gmail.com), with any questions.

### **Mondays@Marty's Christmas Breakfast**

All women are invited to a free breakfast buffet and inspirational Christmas program at Marty's Grill, 9357 Atlee Road (Kroger Marketplace) in Mechanicsville. The annual Mondays@Marty's Christmas Breakfast will be held Monday, December 4, from 8:30-10/A. Please visit [HERE](#) to register for this event. Invite or register a friend! Mondays@Marty's is a women's Bible study sponsored by Restoration Church and meeting regularly on Monday mornings at Marty's-- currently studying the Book of John.

### **Pursuit High School Youth Christmas Gathering**

High school students are invited for pizza, Christmas games, a Tacky Sweater Contest (with a \$25 gift card prize) and live music at Pursuit. The event takes place Saturday night, December 9, from 6-8:30/P at Oak Knoll Middle School. Please bring a canned good for ACES (Ashland Christian Emergency Services). For more information, contact Jen Williams, [jwilliams@restorationrva.org](mailto:jwilliams@restorationrva.org).

### **Middle School Youth Christmas Party**

On Sunday night, December 10, from 6-8/P, Restoration hosts a Middle School Youth Christmas Party at Oak Knoll Middle School. Middle schoolers are invited to enjoy pizza, gaga ball, Christmas games and live music. Please bring a canned good for ACES (Ashland Christian Emergency Services). For more information, contact Jen Williams, [jwilliams@restorationrva.org](mailto:jwilliams@restorationrva.org).

### **Serve the Homeless Through Grace Fellowship**

Join Restoration in providing and serving a warm, evening meal for our homeless brothers and sisters in Richmond, followed by a time of fellowship. "Grace Fellowship" happens on Thursday, December 14, from 5:15-7:30/P at First Baptist Church in Richmond (2709 Monument Avenue). If you cannot attend the meal, volunteers are needed to provide entrées, side dishes, salads or desserts. If you can attend, you may volunteer to serve the guests and enjoy the fellowship. For more information and to sign up, contact Missions Team member Tom McMahon, [tmcmahon2837@gmail.com](mailto:tmcmahon2837@gmail.com) or 804-241-6946.

### **Camp Hope Costa Rica Sponsors Reminder**

If you are sponsoring a child through the Camp Hope Costa Rica "Adopt-A-Camper" program, you are reminded to turn in all payments, notes to campers and yellow hearts by Sunday, December 3, before or after the worship service at Oak Knoll Middle School. Please see the Camp Hope Costa Rica representative in the foyer.

### **Costa Rica Mission Trip**

Restoration Church's annual trip to Costa Rica will be held January 6-20, 2018. This is a construction-related trip and also includes an opportunity to serve in an

after-school program in the Pavas community. Contact Jesse Atkinson at 804-357-3041 for more information.

### **Restoration Congregational Meetings Slated for January**

The staff, leadership and ministry teams of Restoration thank you for your prayers for our Team Night on November 13, which covered vision renewal and new focus considerations for 2018. Congregational meetings covering this same material, with the addition of budget considerations and action steps being taken by the ministry teams, will be offered on Sunday, January 14, and Sunday, January 22, immediately following the worship service at Oak Knoll Middle School. All are encouraged to attend these important meetings to hear more about God's revelation of our direction and needs related to pursuing that focus.

### **Sunday Morning Discipleship Opportunities Available**

Kids Restore, the Nursery and The GIFT are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in serving our children or in our ministry to people with special needs, please contact Susan Tyler, [tyler7474@comcast.net](mailto:tyler7474@comcast.net), or Amanda Seiders, [aseiders@restorationrva.org](mailto:aseiders@restorationrva.org)

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Family Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, 6/P, Oak Knoll

Camp Hope Costa Rica  
January 5-14, 2018

Congregational Meetings  
Sunday, January 14 and Sunday, January 21  
Immediately following the worship service at Oak Knoll

DNOW Youth Retreat  
February 16-18, 2018

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