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Restoration for the Week

November 30, 2017

CHANGED LIVES THROUGH RESTORATION CHURCH

If you would like to share your story, email your submission of 250 words or less to

Godstories@restorationrva.org

Dinners For 10 is Saturday Night

The next Dinners for 10 community dinner is this Saturday, December 2nd. 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.

Angel Update

All of the families on the Restoration "Angel Tree" have been adopted. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus this holiday season by providing Christmas gifts for children in need. Please note: 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 this 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! It's not too late to register! Come and join us! [REGISTER](#)

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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.

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, 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.

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. [REGISTER HERE](#)

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 or 804-241-6946.

Communion Prep Volunteers

We are looking for a few more folks to help with communion. The commitment is 3 times a year, set up and cleanup will take about 15 minutes before and after the

worship service. There is plenty of guidance and you have an opportunity to serve the entire congregation. Contact Kelly All for more information at 804-263-5892 or kelly@i360rva.com.

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.

Ties That Bind December Fellowship

Our annual tradition continues as we celebrate Advent at the next Ties That Bind fellowship with a program of live Christmas music. Church Chicks and Elevate from Northside Baptist along with the Restoration Ringers and Singers will present a program of traditional and not-so-traditional arrangements of seasonal songs. Please invite your friends! This community program and luncheon will take place on Tuesday, December 12, from 11/A-1/P, at Northside Baptist Church, 7600 Studley Road in Mechanicsville. The cost of the luncheon is \$5 plus a food pantry item, which will be donated to the One-Stop Shop of Mechanicsville Christian Emergency Functions (MCEF). Please RSVP before December 7 by calling Restoration Church at 804-299-3475 or by emailing info@restorationrva.org.

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 21, 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, or Amanda Seiders, 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

TEXT YOUR OFFERING

You can text your offering to Restoration Church. Text the word Restore to 73256 and follow the prompts.

BUDGET INFORMATION

If you're interested in a church budget update or would like other financial information, please contact Carrie Dugai at cdugai@restorationrva.org

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