

NOVEMBER 2011

TEACHER NEWSLETTER

Sunday School Special Events for November:

- 6 SS Food Challenge;
Communion Sunday;
Confirmation Class
- 13 UNICEF Due; Budget
Meeting; Harvest
Dinner Theater
- 20 Confirmation Class;
Thanksgiving Sunday
- 27 First Sunday of
Advent; Start of
Advent Lesson

Questions, concerns, issues, problems?

We are here to help!

**Dates and times of
Board of Christian
Education Meetings
are posted on the
Church calendar at**

www.deepriverchurch.org

Please join us!

We put teachers first on
the agenda, so you
don't have to stay for
the entire meeting!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHALLENGE!

Is the Sunday School up for a challenge this year? Yes we are and we are challenging the entire congregation to see who can bring in the most canned goods on Sunday, November 6. We will have two trucks (one for Sunday and the other for the Congregation) in front of the church that morning for the collection and we hope to fill them both. With the holiday season upon us, let's take time to remember to help those in need. This is a Sunday School wide event, for we are never too young to start mission work! The 7th/8th grade class, who is leading this project, will be coming into each classroom on October 30 with a handout sheet and to talk about the challenge. All collections are going to the Deep River Food Panty at the Town Hall. Who will win? The Sunday School or the Congregation?

ADVENT LESSON

Due to many positive responses with our Advent lesson, we will continue with the one we introduced last year. To review, the Board of Christian Education will be making large paper pillar candles (three purple, one pink and one white) that will be placed on your classroom bulletin board (please make some room for us, they will be posted November 20th). You will also receive four candle flames and instructions. At the beginning of class, starting November 27, you will be reading a Bible passage, as well as the meaning of each candle and then a prayer all of which will be provided to you. It should not take a lot of time out of your lesson. Once the candle is "lit", please keep the flame on those candles throughout the season. Each week you should review the previous candle's meaning prior to starting with the new candle (i.e. Hope, Love, Joy and Peace). In addition, I will post two Advent crafts on the Church website for those who wish to work on an Advent craft as a family. They will be under the "Advent Season" navigation link at www.deepriverchurch.org.

November's Group's Hands-on

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lesson #</u>
6	10
13	11
20	12
27	13

For tips/ideas log onto:

www.handsonbible.com/teacher/default.asp

**Contact Sybil
with any
questions!**

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Updates and Requests

- Veterans Day is Friday, November 11. If you would like to have your class make cards, I can send them out to the Veteran's Hospital in West Haven or in Newington. Be sure to give them to me no later than November 6th, so I can mail them out the next day.
- Remind your students to bring in their UNICEF boxes by November 13th so we can start to tally up our collection.
- The Advent Pot Luck supper this year will be Saturday, November 26 @ 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall; all are encouraged to attend this fun event to start the Advent Season.
- Christmas Carol singing takes place in the Sanctuary starting at 8:25 am & 9:45 am on Sunday during the Season of Advent. Join in and request your favorite!
- We will collect hats and mittens from November 6th through December 4th for those in need. You can let the children know that donations should be put in the appropriate bin in the Donation Station located across from my office.
- Remind students from 5th grade up to attend our Youth Communion Service at 10 am on the first Sunday of each month. All should meet in the Fellowship Hall, take a chair and form rows for the Service. After the service is over they are to go to their classroom. All teachers are invited and encouraged to attend.

Visit Our Teacher's Web Page

Visit our new Teacher Web Page on our church web site!

www.deepriverchurch.org

Find quick links to Groups Hands-on Bible Curriculum for:

- Teacher Tips
- Scope & Sequence
- Why Gizmos Work?
- Grade Level Assistance

Plus you can download the Teacher Newsletter in print format!

If you would like to see any other links added, just let me know!