

## TRI-CON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES JANUARY 2010

From the desk of...

We put so much focus on the many preparations for Christmas Day, perhaps we tend to forget the Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve and continues for 12 days ending with Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Eve is included in the Christian season of Christmas using the traditional Jewish time frame... which begins and ends with sundown.

The much-loved holiday carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas" celebrates the entire season of Christmas. The song has its roots in 18<sup>th</sup> century England and was used as a memory game sung by British children.

Now supposedly, the song was also used as a tool to teach Christianity. Each of the song's 12 gifts correlates with a teaching of our faith. While there are many who believe that this is the carol's true origin there is no hard evidence to back it up. I still find it interesting enough to pass onto you and your family. What a great way to teach your children the important building blocks of our faith and test their memory. Try to add a new verse each day during the Christmas season.

*True Love - God*

*Me - Baptized Christian*

*Partridge in Pear Tree - Jesus (a partridge acts as decoy to save its babies)*

*Two Turtle Doves - Old and New Testaments, witness of God*

*Three French Hens - Faith, Hope, Love (I Corinthians 13:13)*

*Four Calling Birds - Four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)*

*Five Gold Rings - Torah of Old Testament (first five books)*

*Six Geese a-Laying - Six days God created (Genesis 1)*

*Seven Swans a-Swimming - Seven gifts of Holy Spirit (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-11)*

*Eight Maids a-Milking - Eight Beatitudes (Matthew 6:3-10)*

*Nine Ladies Dancing - Nine gifts of Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22)*

*Ten Lords a-Leaping - Ten Commandments*

*Eleven Pipers Piping - Eleven faithful apostles (minus Judas Iscariot)*

*Twelve Drummers Drumming - Twelve points in the Apostles' Creed*

Happy New Year!

Carrie

### JANUARY

#### Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Church School & Childcare 10:00AM

#### Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

Liaison Meeting 7:00PM

C.E. Committee Meeting 8:15PM

#### Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lock-In TBD

#### Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

Church School & Childcare 10:00AM

#### Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

One Room Schoolhouse (K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) 10:00AM

Childcare up to age five 10:00AM

#### Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

Church School & Childcare 10:00AM

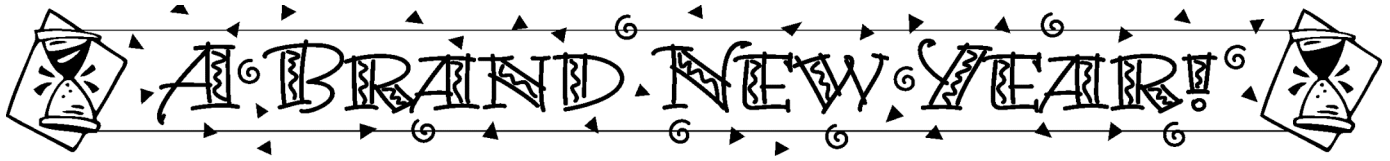
#### Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

Church School & Childcare 10:00AM

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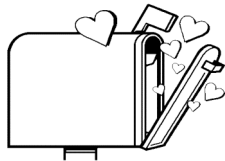


## Ruby Bridges One Room Schoolhouse Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>



On the first day of school in September 1960, a brave six year old African-American girl, and her parents, took a risk and helped move the Civil Rights Movement to a new place of action. Our January One Room Schoolhouse will explore this important event in history and how the actions of even the youngest of children can result in positively impacting the lives of so many people. We will offer two age appropriate programs in the place of regular Church School and we are looking for **one more adult to help** lead the younger group and **two adults to facilitate** discussion with the older group. Please contact Carrie O'Brien at the church to participate.

## Valentine Cards for the Caring Connection Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>



During Church School on the 31<sup>st</sup>, the sixth grade class will be making special valentine cards for the Caring Connection to distribute to shutins. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to make a member of our congregation feel special.

## Happy January Birthday Wishes!



Kendall Ryan  
Reide Dion  
Christian Meyer  
Kate Anderson  
Susannah Snell  
Courtney Piper

Peter Mushlitz  
Kate Fulshaw  
Teagan Piper  
Tucker Delehey  
Cooper Meyer

## To a wonderful group of Church School volunteers who helped make our December so magical...

**Angel Breakfast:** Trish Seifer, Dawn Rennert, Polly Meyer and Lisa Turkington.

**Christmas Story Hour:** John Lombard and Bob Brown

**4PM Christmas Eve Pageant:** Pam Nelson, Susie Winstanley, Virginia Shannon, Hilary Robinson and Hilary Steinert

**6PM Christmas Eve Pageant:** Sue Fulshaw, Lee Means and Hunter Hutchinson



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lock-In Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Graders... mark your calendars for the first lock-in of the year! Specific details to follow!!