



# Children's Ministry NEWS

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## CLUB 45

**Sunday, December 18th** is our Progressive Dinner and Christmas Party. Meet at church at 4:45, bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to exchange. Pick up will be at 7:30 at the Carlton's Home or at 7:45 at church.

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**January 5-7, 2012**

If you are interested in your 4th or 5th grader participating or would like to learn more about this opportunity, please contact me at melissalamm@ststephenumc.net or 704-364-1824 x219. The registration deadline is Wednesday, December 28.

### ROOM IN THE INN

**Saturday, February 25th**

Club 45 will be in charge of Room in the Inn, including set up and clean up, the evening meal, breakfast the next morning, the lunch bags we give to the guests, and 2 overnight hosts. We will need all hands on deck for this worthwhile mission effort. Our family has participated for many years and I can tell you that our children look forward to it every year. We are always overwhelmed by the graciousness of the guests and what we learn from them. You will be hearing more about this in the coming months, but if there is something specific you would like to help with, please let me know.

## Sunday School

**Sunday, December 18 @ 10:10am, Fireside Room**

All children's Sunday School classes will meet together for a time of celebration. Children are invited to wear their pajamas or dress casually. We will gather around the fire to hear stories, sing carols, play Christmas games and have refreshments. We hope you will be in town to join us and it would be a great Sunday to bring a friend!

## Christmas Eve Worship

**Saturday, December 24 @ 4:30, 7:30, 11:00**

Our 4:30 service is designed especially for families with children. I hope you will join us as we celebrate Christ's birth together. I am looking for eight children, four years old and up, who would like to participate in this service. It is a very simple part that does not require any reading. If your child is interested please let me know as soon as possible, it will be first come first serve.

**Blessings to you and your family for a joyful and peaceful Christmas!**

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# Favorite Holiday Recipes

I have solicited recipes from some of the best cooks at St. Stephen and can personally attest to their yumminess. Try this one during Christmas and share some with a neighbor or friend!

## CHEESE RICE CRISPY **Sonia Walker**

2 cups grated sharp cheese  
2 sticks soft margarine  
2 cups flour  
2 cups rice crispies  
(dash of cayenne pepper - optional)

Mix grated cheese and margarine.  
Add flour, mix well.  
Add rice crispies and pepper, mix well.  
Shape into small marble sized balls and flatten.

Bake 10 minutes at 375  
Yield: 6 dozen.

# Greenway Park News

At the end of October, Ms. Hazelhurst was reassigned to Chantilly Montessori School. Everyone was very sad to see her go but her replacement is every bit as warm and inviting as Ms. Hazelhurst. Mrs. Paula Rao came to Greenway Park on November 15th from Shamrock Gardens Elementary School where she had served as vice-principal. She is eager to meet all of our St. Stephen volunteers and is delighted to have us at Greenway Park. Good things are continuing to happen at Greenway Park, and all of the staff are so appreciative of the work that you are doing.

Thanks to Darla Ellington, we now have a Greenway Park bulletin board on the hallway wall near the church office. It has information on how you can get involved and the items that we are currently collecting (Walmart gift cards for the guidance counselor and principal to use at their discretion for families in need, individually wrapped snacks for the teacher's lounge, and Campbell's soup labels and box tops for education). The gift cards can be left in the church office labeled for Greenway Park and the other items can be left in the bins by the bulletin board. Thank you so much for your continued support.

## Celebrating a



Matthew McCoy turned **4** on December 4  
Jack Midlam turned **8** on December 7  
Amy Baker turned **7** on December 7  
Emma Johnson will be **7** on December 10  
John Cline will be **3** on December 11  
Ryn Carpenter will be **6** on December 11  
Hannah Williams will be **10** on December 12  
Thomas Courtney will be **10** on December 21  
Skyler Kupfer will be **6** on December 27  
Maeve Wathan will be **6** on December 30



**This month: Katelyn Defriese is a 5th grader at Elizabeth Lane Elementary**

- What is the best Christmas gift you have ever received? *I have gotten many great Christmas gifts but the one I have enjoyed the most is the iTouch I received last year.*
- My favorite Christmas movie is *Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer.*
- If you were given an unlimited supply of money on Christmas Eve and told to do all the good you could in next 24 hours what would you do? *I would do all I could to feed the people that are hungry and take care of those that don't have a place to live. I would buy things like toothpaste and toothbrushes and coats, and we would pass all of it out to those people that needed them.*
- The thing that my mom or dad makes every Christmas that I love is *my Mom's chocolate pie.*
- If you could go anywhere over Christmas break and could take one person with you where would you go and who would you take? *I would go to Aulani Disney resort in Hawaii. I would love to take my whole family but would take my Mom because she has always wanted to go to Hawaii.*