Hello, LCC families & friends!

When I was in elementary school, one of my favorite books to check out of the school library was A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein. One of my teachers would even let me read some of the poems to my class from time to time and that made me feel pretty special. Most of the poems made me smile because they were so silly but some of them made me smile because they were inspiring or really thoughtful. If you have read this book (and if you haven’t, you may want to check it out!) you may remember some silly poems like The Sitter which was about a baby sitter who thought she should actually sit on babies and Messy Room which described a horribly messy bedroom, only to find out that it was the author’s own room.

Recently, I was looking through some books at church and was excited to find a copy of A Light in the Attic. As I flipped through it one of the poems caught my eye, one that inspires. Put Something In uses fun words and rhymes reminding us that we can find joy in small things and that the world needs our silliness, no matter how old we are!

As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, remember to look for joy and don’t be afraid to be silly! Soak up your blessings, take lots of pictures, and “Put something silly in the world that ain’t been there before.”

Many blessings,

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Put Something In

Draw a crazy picture,
Write a nutty poem,
Sing a mumble-gumble song,
Whistle through your comb.
Do a loony-goony dance
‘Cross the kitchen floor,
Put something silly in the world
That ain’t been there before.

-Shel Silverstein, A Light in the Attic

A Light in the Attic is available to borrow from our church library!
NOVEMBER 2019

11/3  10am  Worship for all ages
      11:30am  Youth Group and pizza (grades 6-12)
11/4  7-8pm  Youth Planning Team (open to all youth and adults)
11/10 9:45am  Youth arrive for Eliza Jennings* (please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Parlor)
       10am  Worship and Faith Formation (4 years old-5th grade)
       11:15am  Next Generation Band (6th-12th grade)
11/17 10am  Worship and Faith Formation (4 years old-8th grade)
       11:15am  Next Generation Band (6th-12th grade)
       12pm  Youth Lunch with Y-Haven actors/help with serving & set up
       2pm  “Father’s Watch” play** (open to all)
11/24 10am  Worship and Faith Formation (4 years old-12th grade)
       11:15am  Next Generation Band (6th-12th grade)

*Eliza Jennings  Worship is led by youth on the 2nd Sunday of the month at the Eliza Jennings Health Campus (10603 Detroit Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102).

**A collaboration between Cleveland Public Theatre and Y-Haven Transitional Housing, Father’s Watch is an original production performed by the men from Y-Haven and based on their life stories. The Y-Haven Theatre Project captures an authenticity and emotional power as the cast shares their true-to-life experiences often hidden from the world.
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*See the next page of this letter for more information.

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***In the Sanctuary with dinner to follow in the Social Hall (& a visit from Santa).

Due to limited space in the Social Hall, please reserve your complimentary tickets in advance. Tickets will be available in December.
**MORE CYF NEWS**

**We are excited to offer Seussical as this year’s Youth Musical!**

As Seussical teaches us, “A person’s a person, no matter how small;” and we are happy to include 3rd graders through 12th graders in our production. Auditions will be held on two days to accommodate the continuously increasing interest. Children and youth will need to sign up for one of our group auditions which will be December 1st and 8th, both at 12pm. These signups will be available online through a link that will be made available in the next few weeks. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday afternoons beginning Sunday, January 5th. Tech week will begin Sunday, March 29 with shows on Friday, April 3rd (7pm), Saturday, April 4th (7pm) and Sunday, April 5th (2pm). Please contact music director Noah Hamrick with any questions at this time. noah@lcc-church.org

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**We invite 4 year olds through 5th graders to be a part of our Christmas Pageant!**

This year’s Christmas Pageant will be directed by Lindy Warren. Rehearsals will be December 8 & 15, 11:15-11:45am. Be on the look out for more info coming mid-November!

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**Youth, Save The Date!**

Our Homeless Awareness Sleep Out (HASO) for 6th-12th graders will be January 19th.

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**Confirmation**

Confirmation Ketchup Class, keep an eye out for event information which is coming your way soon!

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**Looking for youth who like to write...**

6th-12th graders, are you interested in writing for the next CYF letter? You could report on events, interview children or youth for a profiles section, or write a story or jokes. If you are interested, contact Rachel! rachel@lcc-church.org