



Hinsdale United Methodist Church

www.hinsdaleumc.com

The Flame

December 2017

The Warmth and Glow of the Flame

The next few weeks and months will be filled with amazing opportunities for the church to participate in missions, worship, fellowship, and growth—Hanging of the Greens, Gingerbread House building, the Christmas Pageant, the Christmas concerts, the Christmas Eve worship services, a special Christian Education presentation, UMW Sunday and much, much more. While a record number of families will travel to visit relatives and spend time relaxing in warmer climes, we are anticipating welcoming many new and returning families to the church. Christmas remains the holiday that is characterized by the largest gatherings of members and guests.

During seasons of Advent and Christmas, we will build upon longstanding traditions of singing songs that remind us of the feelings of longing and despair that filled the hearts and souls of those who had been oppressed and rejected. We will also celebrate the overwhelming sense of wonder and gratitude that has filled homes throughout the centuries from Elizabeth & Zechariah and Mary & Joseph to Samuel & Susanna and yours & mine.

Although we will alter the worship schedule slightly during the Christmas holidays (we will suspend the 8:30 worship service and the Sunday school classes on December 24, 31 and January 7), we are looking forward to the three special worship services on Christmas Eve that will include a special presentation by **Rod Dixon & Alfreda Burke** and the voices of young adults from the church. **Belford Hernandez** will also offer the special concert between the 4:00 p.m. and the 7:30 p.m. worship services. The Greenes will also provide their special holiday feast following the 7:30 p.m. service and the 11:00 p.m. candlelight service will help draw us even closer to the cradle of Christ. There will also be a special concert by the **Cantores Choir** on Sunday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m.

In January, we will participate in a missions event at *Feed My Starving Children*. Families and the entire congregation are invited to help prepare meals to be shared around the world. Sandy Usher and the missions committee will provide more details in the coming weeks. **Dick Kingman** is also inviting basketball enthusiasts to attend a *Bulls Game* later in January.

In addition to these missions and recreational opportunities, **UMW Sunday** and the special presentations by **Dr. Mark Teasdale** and **Dr. Brian Litfin** will offer opportunities for growth and learning. The worldwide missions' foci of the UMW highlight many of the dilemmas confronting women and families around the globe. As the Wednesday Bible study has been focusing upon the lives of the Disciples over the past few months, Dr. Litfin's presentation will allow the congregation to learn more about the parallels between the lives of the Disciples and the challenges of evangelism that we face today. Dr. Teasdale's presentation will draw upon his expansive expertise in evangelism and church growth.

If you are new to the church or if you have been a member for many years, we are looking forward to your increased engagement in the life of the church. The gratitude, joy, love, peace, learning, and sharing that fill these seasons will abound throughout the year. Be sure to invite your relatives, neighbors, friends, and strangers to worship and grow through the ministries of Hinsdale UMC.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Jon McCoy

From the Worship Committee



Valet Parking

A reminder that Valet Parking is available to *those in need*. Please pull up to the double doors of the East side of the church where ushers will be looking. If you don't see one, come into the church and hand your keys to an usher and your car will be parked. With the cold, icy weather approaching we need to be aware of our fellow church members who might need assistance walking from the parking lot into the church. Please take notice and help where needed.

Decorating for Advent and Christmas

Come help us dress up the beautiful Sanctuary and church grounds on **Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** *Childcare will be provided.* We need volunteers of all ages, heights, and talents. The "Hanging of the Greens" now involves the "Hanging of the Lights" as well, so we especially need a few people willing to climb ladders or work outdoors. The Christmas spirit surely will fill our hearts as we give a couple of hours to the glory of the Lord. We'd love to have you join in our holiday preparations. Contact Shirley Steward or Polly Lathrop if you would like to help or have any questions. Thank you on behalf of the Worship Committee!



Poinsettia Orders

It is again time to think about Christmas and our Advent Season. A tradition at HUMC is to mass poinsettias around the altar for the Christmas Eve services. The plants are \$12.50 for a 6 1/2" pot. Please put your cash or check marked "Poinsettias" along with your order form in Sherry Somers' mail slot in the church office. Order forms are available in the Welcome Center, at the church office, and in the Sunday bulletin. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday, December 17**. Thank you for helping us beautify our Sanctuary this Christmas.

The Remembrance Tree

The HUMC Remembrance Tree will be displayed in our Narthex this Advent season. The tree is put up annually and decorated completely with ornaments that honor friends or family members who have died. Purchase ornaments from the UMW for \$10 to honor your loved ones. We will provide a gold pen for you to inscribe their name or we can do it for you. This year's sale runs **through Sunday, December 17**. After the holidays, ornaments are stored by us to use again next year. You can honor your loved ones for years to come. Names on the ornament as well as the donor's name are being collected in a memory book. UMW will also be selling cookbooks.



What do the candles in our advent wreath mean?

Advent begins Sunday, December 3. During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: **Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace**. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world. The wreath continually reminds us of whom we are called to be as followers of Jesus.



HOPE – December 3 First Sunday of Advent, Purple Candle

LOVE – December 10 Second Sunday of Advent, Purple Candle

JOY – December 17 Third Sunday of Advent, Pink Candle

PEACE – December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent, Purple Candle

Celebrating the Coming of the Christ Child – December 24 Christmas Eve, White Candle in Center of Wreath

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Sunday, December 24, 2017

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

All are welcome to our traditional morning worship service.

4:00 p.m. Family Worship

Families are invited to enter into the holiness of Jesus' birth with carols, candlelight, and special music.

6:00 p.m. "Sounds of the Season"

Free concert featuring local and guest musicians.

7:30 p.m. Traditional Worship Service

A service of scripture, carols, and candlelight.

8:45 p.m. Open House Celebration

Everyone is invited to an Open House Celebration in Fellowship Hall with a light supper. Please bring a plate of cookies to share. Come, enjoy the evening and continue the mystery and wonder of that holy night. All are welcome.

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Candlelight Service with scripture, carols, and communion.



Mark Your Calendar!



Sunday, December 31 – One New Year's Day Service at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 6 – What goes up must come down!! Help take down the Advent decorations at 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We need your help!

Sunday, January 7 – One Service at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 14 – Human Relations Day

Sunday, January 21 – New Church Officers Recognition

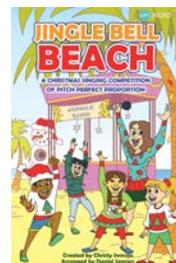
Sunday, January 28 – United Methodist Women Sunday

Children's Ministry

I just want to take a moment to thank everyone who helped out in so many different ways during my absence for knee surgery. Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and kindness expressed for a speedy recovery. It was four weeks ago that I had surgery, and it is now good to be on the road to recovery. There are many great things that have been going on this Fall, going into the Holiday season. Let me share a few highlights, as well as share what's coming up around the corner.



- Thanks to Laura Candela for all her help with the food for the Trunk or Treat Tail Gate Party. Once again this year, the McCauley's were the winners of the best decorated trunk.
- We delivered 13 filled shoe boxes with toys and goodies for the Samaritan's purse collection. Next year we will start promoting this project during VBS. It is always great to bring a smile to a child's face. Thanks to those who brought boxes home to fill.
- Now, we are gearing up for our annual gingerbread house Family Advent Event on **Sunday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m.** There will be light snacks included. Please RSVP to Jenny as soon as possible so we can make sure we have enough supplies. Also, if you are coming, please bring decorating candy or food to share with others so we can decorate the gingerbread houses with creativity. I can't wait!
- **December 17 at the 10:30 service** we will have the Christmas Pageant. The children have been working hard to prepare. Let's encourage them by being here to cheer them on. If you know of a child or teen that would still like to be involved, please contact Jenny in the office. There are many things that can be done behind the scenes with the stage set up as well as the reception after the service. (Patti, please put in the Jingle Bell Beach Logo)



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season!

Jennifer Austgen

Director of Children's Ministries

jennifer.austgen@hinsdaleumc.com

Family Ministries

We have some wonderful Advent activities planned for our families at HUMC. On **December 3**, all children and their parents are invited to Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. for a fun hour of making gingerbread houses. Each family will take home an Advent calendar and devotional.

Parents, on **December 10** you are invited to the Library for a Parent Party! while children and youth rehearse the pageant. Coffee and refreshments will be provided (including Pastor Daniel's "Dutch baby" pancakes) and we'll talk about how we can share the Good News of the Nativity Story with our children. Then, on **December 17**, come and see the children's Christmas Pageant, *Jingle Bell Beach*, at the 10:30 worship service (final rehearsal at 9:30 a.m.).



As we look toward 2018, we have a number of exciting opportunities:

- On **January 13**, we will return to Pinstripes for another night of bowling and bocce ball (7:00 to 9:00 p.m.). If you missed our event last May, join us this time around for a fun evening of playful competition and quality conversation. All adults are welcome, no matter your age! Please RSVP to [Pastor Daniel](#) by January 6.
- Then, on **January 27**, we encourage all families with children over the age of 5 to participate in “Feed My Starving Children” in Aurora (4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.). This is an amazing and inspiring opportunity for community service. [Please RSVP to Sandy Usher.](#)
- Lastly: parents of young children, mark your calendar for **February 9**. You’ll likely be suffering some cabin fever by this point, so plan to come to HUMC for an evening of arts, crafts, and games! The activities will focus on preparing us for Lent, and we will even create a colorful banner for the narthex.

Youth Activities

Youth Group began this fall with a bang (or a zap!) as we gathered for an evening of team building activities at Laser Quest in Downers Grove. We ended the night with fellowship over ice cream at Oberweis Dairy. We wrap up 2017 with another fun social activity: all youth and their parents are invited to a Christmas party on **December 16** at the home of Kim Griffin. An array of appetizers, desserts, and drinks will be provided. An evening of fun and games will conclude with a wild White Elephant gift exchange.



These fun activities provide important opportunities for the youth to build meaningful relationships with each other, and these relationships help us work together to better serve our neighbors. We had 17 of our youth and 8 parents volunteer at PADS on the evening of November 18, preparing the sleeping pads and also the communal dinner. But of course, Jesus did not just feed the hungry, he also spent time with them. Our strong numbers allowed us to serve beyond the kitchen; we offered a craft table and two game tables (with chess, checkers, UNO, and Jenga!) for our younger guests. This evening of serving, playing, and talking with our guests provided our youth with a valuable experience of what it means to serve others out of Christian love.



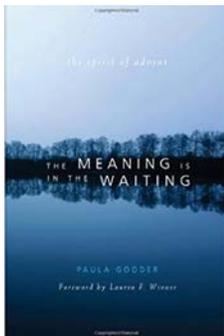
In addition to these opportunities for fellowship and service, the Youth Group met every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. from September 10 to November 26. We played some fun games and had meaningful discussions about difficult topics including science and religion, sin and forgiveness, other world religions, and the many names of Jesus. We will continue this weekly program after the New Year. We are tremendously grateful to the adult volunteers or “guides” who have made this program possible: Kim Griffin, Steve Landes, Robbye McNair, Shari Noland, Loretta Reasor, and Hector Varela. Thank you!

Lastly, here are some other important dates to keep in mind. **Please RSVP** to [Pastor Daniel](#) if you are interested in any of these activities:

- January 27: “Feed My Starving Children” service opportunity in Aurora
- February 2-4: Junior High Winter Retreat (Deep Freeze)
- February 9-11: Senior High Winter Retreat (Deep Freeze)
- June 9-16: Appalachia Service Project (ASP)

Education

The Meaning is in the Waiting—An All Church Advent Study



All Adult Sunday School classes will join together **Sunday mornings during Advent at 9:30 a.m.** for *The Meaning is in the Waiting* Advent book study. Advent means waiting as in “waiting for the Messiah.” However, it is not just we who wait. God is waiting for us! Isaiah says, “The Lord waits that He may be gracious unto you.” God waits on us, for our attention, for our vision, and our ear. Let us wait together and give God our focus this Advent season as we study God’s holy word.

The book **The Meaning is in the Waiting** by Paula Gooder is available in the church office for \$10. Join in the class any week you are able.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study – “The Disciples”

Can you name the twelve disciples (without singing the disciples' song)? Can you name the disciple who was selected after the crucifixion? Which of the disciples were zealots? Who was the disciples who was hated most by the other disciples and the Jews not because of what he did to Jesus, but because of his occupation before he met Jesus. We will learn about the various expressions of grace that were reflected in the selection of each of the disciples. We will also learn about the parallels between our personal journeys and the journeys of each of the disciples. Although our efforts to be followers of Christ are often filled with minor inconveniences, their lives were beset by turmoil, torture and, for most, martyrdom. Yet, we still desire to walk where Jesus walked and to serve just as He taught us.



Join us **each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.** for a lively discussion of the lives of the disciples. We will use a variety of resources. Bring your Bible, bring your desire to grow, and bring your sense of humor as we laugh and learn together.

Pastoral Care

HUMC “Care Cars” for Seniors

The “Care Cars” service is being offered in order to provide transportation for HUMC members who either don’t drive or choose not to, thus, they find it difficult to attend church worship services or church activities. The service, provided by American Taxi, is a program in which vouchers are issued to seniors for use to pay taxi fare from their home to HUMC.

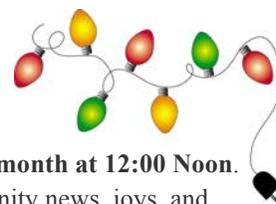


Dr. H. D. Mitchell, Minister of Pastoral Care, has identified members who need the service and he welcomes others. He and other church leaders will authorize the vouchers.

[Click here for more information on how the program works.](#)

If you have any questions, call Dr. H.D. Mitchell at 630-290-1863 or Darold Drew at 708-703-6703.

Upcoming Events and Small Groups



Men's Group Lunch and Discussion

The Men's Group meets in the Fireside Room the **first Friday of each month at 12:00 Noon**. Bring a sack lunch and join in the conversation. Current events, community news, joys, and concerns are discussed.

Upcoming discussions: December 1, January 5, February 2



First Thursdays - Men's Fellowship

Men of the church: do you enjoy delicious food and beverages? Yes, of course you do! So why not spend some time enjoying these things with friends from church? Come join Daniel Cochran and other HUMC men on the **first Thursday of every month** at local restaurants from **8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** For more information, contact Daniel Cochran at daniel.cochran@hinsdaleumc.com.

Upcoming meetings: Thursday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m. at Grill 89 in Westmont, and then January 4, and February 1



Knit or Knot

The Knit or Knot Ministry meets the **third Wednesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** in the Fireside Room. During a time of fellowship; shawls, pillows, sweaters and blankets are created to comfort those in need and to celebrate life's joys. Each piece becomes an expression of love – and the loving care of God who works through the crafters. As each piece of work reaches completion it is passed around the circle and blessed by each crafter's hands.

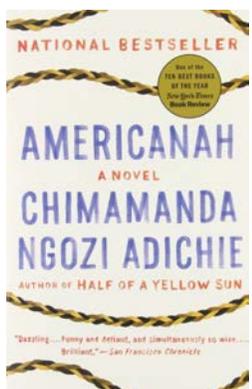
Upcoming meetings: No December Meeting, January 17, February 21



Monthly Women's Fellowship

All women of the church are invited to our Monthly Women's Fellowship on the **third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.** for food, fun, and fellowship! Please contact Kristi Chadwick with questions.

Upcoming meetings: We will not meet on the 3rd Thursday of December (December 21) but plans are in the works for a festive get together on different night. Please watch the e-news and bulletin for further details.



Fireside Readers Book Discussion Group

The Fireside Readers is an informal book discussion group that welcomes all men and women who enjoy reading and stimulating discussion. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, January 15** in the Fireside Room at 6:30 p.m. for dessert and coffee and discussion at 7:00 p.m.

Our book is "Americanah" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. The book won the 2013 National Book Critics Circle Fiction Award. Ifemlu and Obinze fall in love in Nigeria during a time of brutal dictatorship. Ifemlu emigrates to the U.S. where she achieves great success, but must deal with racism. Obinze goes to London and then returns to Nigeria and becomes wealthy. After various successes and failures in their careers and lives, they eventually reunite in Nigeria and face difficult choices.

The book is available at many public libraries, in hardback, paperback, and on Nook and Kindle. Please contact **Mary Ann Darnaby** if you have questions.



Sounds of the Season

A HOLIDAY MUSICAL CELEBRATION
DIRECTED BY BELFORD HERNANDEZ

Sunday, December 17 at 7:00pm

HINSDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
945 SOUTH GARFIELD STREET | HINSDALE, IL

Featuring Performances by:

DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
CHAMBER CHOIR & A BRASS QUARTET

Free Benefit Concert

ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED WILL GO
TOWARDS THE CANTORES COMMUNITY
CHOIR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
CANTORES COMMUNITY CHOIR IS NOW
A 509 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, ALL
DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

United Methodist Women



HUMC's local unit of *United Methodist Women* is comprised of three "CIRCLES" that meet the **2nd Thursday**, September through May. Circles are a time for spiritual growth, mission & service activities and food & fellowship. We would love to have you join us! For questions, please call Mrs. El Lober or Mrs. Betty Drucker or read more on our [HUMW page](#).

Upcoming Calendar:

Thursday, December 7 – UMW Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, December 11 - UMW Christmas Program and Installation of Officers in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

The United Methodist Women would like you to join them for their annual Christmas party and officer installation. Be ready for a great start to the holiday season with an evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Membership not required – we hope to see all women of the church and their guests at this festive event.

Thursday, December 14 – UMW Circle Meetings: 9:00 a.m. Mary Circle, 1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle, 7:00 p.m. Lydia Circle
At our December meetings, all circles will be packing boxes of cookies for senior citizens served by the Hinsdale Community Services food pantry. We would love to have you join us!

Thursday, January 4 – UMW Board Meeting at 9:30

Thursday, January 11 – UMW Circle Meetings: 9:00 a.m. Mary Circle, 1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle, 7:00 p.m. Lydia Circle

Sunday, January 28 – UMW Sunday

Thursday, February 1 – UMW Board Meeting at 9:30

Thursday, February 8 – UMW Circle Meetings: 9:00 a.m. Mary Circle, 1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle, 7:00 p.m. Lydia Circle

Missions

Thank You!!

Thank you to everyone who contributed food and/or hams for the Thanksgiving boxes for Olivet. They were delivered on Saturday, November 18. They were extremely thankful for the contributions and they distributed them to local families that weekend.



Christmas Gifts

We will be providing gifts of warm clothing again to children in the Olivet neighborhood. Look in the Narthex for the sign-up sheets. Simply take a tag that will have a child's name and clothing size. Please wrap the item and bring it back with the tag attached by **Sunday, December 10**.



All Church Mission Opportunity

We are offering an all church Mission Opportunity on **Saturday, January 27 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora. [Feed My Starving Children](#) is a Christian non-profit organization that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. Volunteers hand pack the meals that are then delivered to their food partners around the world. We have reserved 40 spots to pack meals and are hoping for church members and friends of all ages to join us. Young, old, families, youth – all are welcome!!! Please contact Sandy Usher at sandyusher224@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

Christmas Food Boxes for Olivet UMC

The people in the neighborhood surrounding Olivet United Methodist Church are grateful for the 24 boxes of food and hams provided to them by the HUMC congregation at Thanksgiving. We again have the opportunity to provide food and hams to the residents of this impoverished neighborhood at Christmas. Gifts of food during the Christmas holidays are especially important because school is not in session and many children depend on meals served at school.



The Christmas Food Boxes will be available in the Narthex **beginning Sunday, December 3**. Please take and fill a box with the groceries suggested on the label. The filled boxes are to be returned to the main kitchen (across from Fellowship Hall) **no later than Friday, December 15**.

Do not purchase a ham when you buy the groceries. Missions Committee has arranged to purchase a five-pound ham to go with each box of food from Kramer Foods at a discounted price. Hams can be donated using an online process.

Hams will be available for donation for \$12.50 online between December 1 and December 16. [Click here to donate a ham.](#) There will also be links to the ham donation website in the December 1 and December 8 E-News and on the [HUMC website](#) beginning December 1. After you have signed up for a ham, you will be directed to the PayPal website for payment.

Two things to know:

- A PayPal account is not needed; there is no need to log in or set up a PayPal account. Payment can be made with a credit card.
- Leave the box which indicates “shipment will be to you” checked. This is fine since there is no shipment; the hams will be picked up at Kramer’s by a Missions representative the day the food and hams are delivered to Olivet.

Anyone needing assistance to make the online ham donation can contact a member of the Missions Work Area at hams@hinsdaleumc.com. The boxes and hams will be delivered to Olivet the morning of December 16. Anyone wishing to assist with the delivery can contact [Dan Irwin](#).



Pop Tabs

Across the Chicagoland area, hundreds of individuals, schools, and companies are working together to collect Pop Tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. Those Pop Tabs are then recycled by the charity’s recycling partner, United Scrap Metal, and the charity will then receive the market value of the recycled metal, plus a charitable match from United Scrap Metal. Last year, Ronald McDonald House Charities raised more than \$40,000 from this program. We invite you to join us in supporting families at Ronald McDonald House today!

HUMC collects Pop Tabs and appreciate your contribution! Add your Pop Tabs to the small box in the new kitchen (by the Fireside Room). Donations can be made at any time and Myrna Beck will send them to Ronald McDonald House.

[Learn more here](#)



SOUTH SHORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7350 SOUTH JEFFERY BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60649

Telephone: (773) 752-6233
Fax No.: (773) 752-0595

REV. ADONNA DAVIS REID, Pastor

October 10, 2017

Dear Friends,

As we creep ever closer to the season of thanksgiving, I wanted to reach out and offer heartfelt thanks for the way Hinsdale UMC helped our church day camp this summer. Our Safe Haven Day Camps have been a partnership with Chicago Public Schools since the spring of 2014. Given the City and State budget issues, our ability to run the camps during school break periods has been tenuous and stretched at best. We stepped out in faith to host our summer program this year feeling confident of resources being available to see us through bold new plans. When those resources didn't materialize as expected, I admit, I began to panic. Then I heard the still, small voice of the Lord saying, "Be still and know that I am God, and that I will provide."

That's where you came in. Your generosity enabled us to offer a safe and constructive place where children engaged in literacy activities strengthening their academic skills, played gym and other games that fostered team work while enabling physical exercise, learned conflict resolution skills, sang songs, choreographed dances, created masterpieces in our arts and crafts area, became familiar with concepts related to financial literacy through Junior Achievement lessons, and enjoyed nutritious meals.

We were able to run the program an additional two hours per day over the four-hour time period CPS required. During the additional two hours that were outside the bounds of the "CPS" time, we were able to talk about and overtly expose the children to things of God—something we would not have been able to do if we were constrained to the four-hour block of time. At the end of the Safe Haven program, some of the older children attended the church-sponsored overnight camp with other children from churches around our district.

Without the resources you provided, we would have had to reduce the hours of operation per day to the CPS mandated four hours and/or cut staff, both of which would have diminished the number of students and families we would have served.

Here is a snapshot of our collective impact:

- Over 60 children and youth campers attended day camp from July 5 through August 11
- 8 youth and young adult staff through the One Summer Chicago Program who, because of their involvement, were also exposed to a positive environment where God's presence was made known while they received jobs skills coaching and mentoring
- 20 children received vision exams on site and those who needed glasses received them free of charge
- 11 children were baptized and 1 parent professed faith in Jesus and was baptized
- Children gained confidence in their reading and math skills and engaged in creative science experiments
- All children and young staff were blessed with colorful book bags and school supplies as they headed back to school
- All this under the watchful eyes of at least three responsible adults at any given time

To see a recap of our program in pictures, find us online by going to [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com). Then search for South Shore Summer Activities Video. Our video is the one by this name, done by Emmanuel Reid, and that features a picture of me surrounded by a group of children.

Thank you once again for your support and encouragement as we have strived to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in the South Shore community.

Yours in Christ and with gratitude,

Rev. Adonna Davis Reid