



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM

YOUR STEERING TEAM

**Frankenmuth Bible Church
December Newsletter**

Calendar at a Glance

Set-Up/Clean Up:

Dec. 14th Grapes & Strawberries

Jan. 11th Apples

Jan. 25th Bananas

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 14th Ornament Exchange

Jan. 11th Storage Bins Craft

Jan. 25th Speaker Pastor Nathan

Fruit of the month:

December – coconut (patience)

January – pineapple (kindness)



MOPS STEERING TEAM

Mentor Mom: Patty Faist

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MOPS Coordinator: Julie Bourdon

Creative Activities: Michelle Hicks

Hospitality: Barb Barger & Angie

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December Birthdays

2nd Jennifer Kittell

8th Christine Shoens

24th Cheri Stainforth

31st Shelly Hicks

'Tis the Season...for Christmas Carols

Already the airwaves are filled with the sounds of Christmas. One song that is often heard is from The Sound of Music and is titled "My Favorite Things". Here are some alternate words to that familiar song that we as moms will appreciate. Be sure to read them in the right tune!!

*Bare baby bottoms and masterpiece scribbles.
Blowing big kisses and funny face giggles.
Rocking sweet angels to sleep as I sing,
These are a few of my favorite things.*

*Reading cute stories and tickling soft tummies.
Big toothy grins that say "I love you, Mommy",
Waves saying bye-bye and bear-hug hellos
These are some other favorites I know.*

*Walks in the raindrops that turn into runs,
Jumping and dancing with daughters and sons,
Knowing the joy that motherhood brings,
These are a few of my favorite things.*

*When the kids fight!
When the poop stinks!
When the house is a mess!
Just look at the faces of your precious lot,
And know that you are blessed!*

EIGHT GIFTS THAT DON'T COST A CENT

1. The Gift of Listening. You must really listen. No interrupting, no planning your response. No coming up with something that is worse or better. Just listen.
2. The Gift of Affection. Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.
3. The Gift of Laughter. Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you!"
4. The Gift of a Written Note. It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.
5. The Gift of a Compliment. A simple and sincere, "You look great in red", "You did a super job", or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.
6. The Gift of a Favor. Everyday, go out of your way to do something kind without the thought of something in return.
7. The Gift of Solitude. There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.
8. The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition. The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone. Really it's not that hard to say, "Hello" or "Thank you." If you can't say anything, a smile will do wonders!

KID KORNER

ABCs

While walking through the woods one day, I was surprised to hear a child's voice. I followed the sound, trying in vain to understand the child's words. When I spotted a boy perched on a rock, I realized why his words had made no sense: He was repeating the alphabet.

"Why are you saying your ABC's so many times?" I asked him.

The child replied, "I'm saying my prayers."

I couldn't help but laugh. "Prayers? All I hear is the alphabet."

Patently the child explained, "Well, I don't know all the words, so I give God the letters. He knows what I'm trying to say."