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The **Children's Christmas Program** this year will on Wednesday **December 18th** at 5pm. We will be doing a "Las Posadas" (which is Spanish for "the inns). This is a tradition that comes from Mexico and symbolizes the Biblical journey of Mary and Joseph as they searched for shelter in Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus. Look for more information in the weeks to come.

Dec. 11, 6:30 pm, Large Group meeting. Come at 6:00 to share a light meal. Agenda to include: building rental policy, youth and children report, and 2014 spending plan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were **13 relief kits** and one bag of leftovers assembled from the items collected. Thank you to all who had a part in contributing, assembling, praying for, and delivering the kits. May Shalom increase through these acts of kindness!

Mary Beth, Matt, and Rebecca will travel to Evansville on Thurs. 5th for the second in a series of trainings on "Creating an Unbroken Circle of Care."

Rebecca and Andrew will be on vacation Dec. 6-9. Please contact Matt or one of the Elders (Mica, Ted, Mary Beth) for pastoral care needs during these times.

OC Habitat for Humanity invites us to attend the dedication of Coty and Nneka Campbell family's new home in West Baden Springs, as they look forward to spending Christmas there. The celebration will take place Sunday, Dec. 8, 3:00 pm at their home (7991 W. County Pike Rd).

Wally and Evie Shellenberger will share some stories and poetry from their new book, Welcome to Iran! Christian Encounters with Shia Muslins, on Friday Dec. 6, 7:00 pm at PMF. Books will be available at a reduced price for anyone interested.

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with us in the present

Benediction

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