

## January Youth Activities

**JAMS and JAMbores** will meet on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at the West Des Moines Church from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**God Squad** for Lamoni Area Senior High: Meet at Julie Elliott's on Wednesdays, January 11<sup>th</sup> and 25, 2012

**Heartland North Senior High Bible Study** – Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 6:30 p.m. at the Ward's

**THANK YOU** to everyone in the mission center. Your help and donations for Operation Christmas Child was wonderful. We were able to pack and send 55 shoeboxes. Thank you for your generosity.

**Winter Jam & Ventures:** All Senior High and Young Adults are invited to come to our Ventures gathering at the Knoxville congregation on Saturday & Sunday, January 21 & 22, as well as a pre-retreat concert at Winter Jam on Friday, January 20. To come to the whole weekend, plan to meet us at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines at 6 p.m. for the concert, which only costs \$10 at the door. Featuring the band Skillet – as well as Sanctus Real, Building 429 and others – Winter Jam is a powerful worship experience. Housing will be provided for those coming in from out of town for Friday night. We will then meet up at Knoxville at 2 p.m. Saturday for Ventures to share in community service, fun with the congregation, and planning and leading the Sunday morning worship. Young Adults and Senior High are invited to attend one or both events, so please RSVP to Jeannine Ward ([jward@cofchristlhmc.org](mailto:jward@cofchristlhmc.org)) or Dan Gregory ([dgregory@cofchristlhmc.org](mailto:dgregory@cofchristlhmc.org)) to let us know you'll be there!

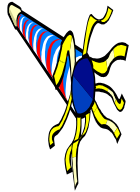


## Senior High Summer Trip June 24-29, 2012

We will be traveling to the **GATEWAY Mission Center**. During **Morning Mission**, youth will be working with children from East St. Louis and serving as Peace Guides at Peace Camp, held at Camp Woodland Hills. **Afternoon Adventures** will be spent nearby at Meramec State Park. Zip-lining, Caving and Canoeing 6 miles of River will challenge each one. Fun stops include 6 Flags

Amusement Park and also the Gateway Arch. Come and join your friends as we **PURSUE PEACE ON EARTH!**

# "Come Home to Christ"



## Sr. Hi Yuletide Retreat Dec. 30, 2011 thru Jan. 1, 2012 Guthrie Grove Campgrounds

**WHO?** 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders from Lamoni Heartland and Prairie Bluffs Mission Centers

**WHAT?** A New Year's Eve Retreat you won't forget, complete with classes, food, friends, and a New Year's Eve Dance.

**WHEN?** Friday, December 30 at 4:00 p.m. through noon on Sunday, January 1, 2012.

**HOW MUCH?** Registrations postmarked by **December 19 are \$70.00**. Registrations postmarked after December 19 are \$85.00.

**WHAT TO BRING?** Warm clothes, grubby clothes, bedding, towel and toiletries, Bible, and a friend! (For the New Year's Eve Dance, you can dress in your favorite team colors or dress formal like a homecoming dance).

**WHAT NOT TO BRING?** Cell phones, audio players of any kind, and snack food. Please leave your cell phones at home.

**HOW TO REGISTER?** You can register and pay for the Sr. High Yuletide Retreat at [www.register.guthriegroverc.org](http://www.register.guthriegroverc.org). Those campers who register online will be sent the medical/release form by e-mail. Registration is not considered complete until all forms are submitted and all fees are paid.



**NOTE:** There will be a S.I.T. Training Activity (for all 15-20 year olds) immediately before the Sr. High Yuletide Retreat – On Thursday, December 29. Contact Jeannine Ward to register.





## LAMONI HEARTLAND MISSION CENTER NEWS

December 18, 2011

**GOOD NEWS!** There is a great organization in Iowa that actively supports and educates people of faith to action regarding our Enduring Principle of the Sacredness of Creation! Please check out the link to [www.iowaip.org](http://www.iowaip.org). This is the Iowa Interfaith Power and Light organization which is hosting a "Come and See" event at Ames in January. Please check out the website for ways in which to benefit your home or your congregation and support the Sacredness of Creation. There is information on energy audits and money saving and earth saving resources! And if you are able to attend, consider the following!

**Cool Congregations Coffee, Thursday, January 12, 2012, 7:00 – 8:30 PM at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 1517 Northwestern Ave., Ames, IA 50010.** Come for coffee, conversation, and a tour of Bethesda Lutheran Church! Come join the conversation about what faith communities in Iowa are doing to care for the earth, and see firsthand what one congregation has done. Bethesda Lutheran has recently installed a ground source heat pump system to heat and cool their facility with a goal of reducing their energy use and costs.

**YA Broomball & IHOP:** Young Adults, you won't want to miss our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Broomball & IHOP night on Saturday, February 4, from 7 – 10 p.m. at the Metro Ice Arena in Urbandale. Come play Broomball – a modified and simpler version of hockey – for only \$10 from 7 – 9 p.m. Then, it's off to IHOP for a dessert of breakfast food, accompanied by great laughs. Anyone who has been in years past will tell you it's an INCREDIBLY fun night, so grab a friend and we'll meet you on the ice on February 4! Contact Dan Gregory (515.423.2335 or [dgregory@cofchristlhmc.org](mailto:dgregory@cofchristlhmc.org)) or RSVP to the Facebook event.

### **New President and CEO for Outreach International**

On December 5, the Board of Directors of Outreach International announced the appointment of Kevin Prine, PhD, as President and Chief Executive Officer. Prine assumes his new role on January 1, 2012. "Kevin is a superb leader and a gifted communicator; he brings extraordinary energy, intellect and compassion to the mission of Outreach International," said Harry Ashenurst, chairman of the board of directors. Community of Christ is pleased to extend our welcome to Kevin Prine. We look forward to continued partnership with Outreach International as we all work together to abolish poverty and end suffering. The entire news release can be found at [www.outreach-international.org/articles/news-release-12-05-11.html](http://www.outreach-international.org/articles/news-release-12-05-11.html).

Come join us for an **Appalachian Christmas, 2:00 pm TODAY**, at the Indianola Community of Christ. Enjoy ninety minutes of music of the Christmas Season, performed with an Old-Time mountain and Celtic flavor. Instruments range from modern to period styles and some are even quite rare. Refreshments will be served during an intermission. A freewill offering opportunity will be made available to benefit Outreach International.

**Christmas Eve Worship at Des Moines Central:** All are welcome to join in a service of reflection and celebration at the Des Moines Central congregation on Christmas Eve at 6:30 p.m. Please be aware of limited parking as you make your plans to carpool and arrive early.

**Christmas Eve Service at Lamoni Congregation:** All are welcome to a musical Christmas Pageant presented by the children and youth, at the Lamoni Congregation on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m.

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

The staff at the Lamoni Heartland Mission Center Offices wishes each one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year. The offices will be closed from Thursday, December 22, at 2:00 p.m. through Monday, January 2. The offices will be open on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

### **New Community of Christ Hymnal on Horizon**

Listen to the music of a new Advent hymn that will be featured in the new Community of Christ Hymnal. The words and music to "Come and Bring Light" were written by Kevin Kell and the hymn is performed by the Center Place Singers. In anticipation of the new hymnal's availability in 2013, several "Joyful Noise" workshops will be held around the USA in 2012. The first one will be held at the Temple, February 11-12, 2012. Come and familiarize yourself with the new hymnal's musical styles, worship planning techniques, theological content, topics, and more. Visit [www.CofChrist.org/hymnal](http://www.CofChrist.org/hymnal) to hear the Advent Hymn and get more workshop information.

**Save the Dates:** Jane Gardner will be our guest for a **Worship Workshop** on March 30 – April 1, at the Northwest Congregation in Des Moines. There will be a nominal cost to help offset expenses for the workshop.