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THANKSGIVING IS NEXT WEEK!?

Whaaaaa? Okay, deep breath. We'll get through this together. Let me fill you in on the things that are happening over the next two *INCREDIBLY BUSY* months.

First, we need help **THIS FRIDAY, 22 November**, setting up for the annual **Holiday Bazaar**. The Women's' Guild runs this every year as their big fund raiser. They are always very generous to the Youth Group, so let's repay that generosity by showing up after **four pm** and help set things up. Yes – this counts for service hours!

THIS SATURDAY, November 23rd, is **BISHOP UNPLUGGED!** 2:00PM – 4:00PM

Cost: \$5 Location: St. Philip's, Annapolis

Spend the afternoon with Bishop Sutton in fellowship and fun! Hosted in part by St. Philip's, Annapolis, on Bestgate Road. We will gather for a few hours of music, Bible study, and time to talk with our bishop. Join us for this time to gather with youth from the region and have fun.

Next, The **YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM** will meet in the Youth Group room **NEXT SUNDAY, November 24th** from 1-4 pm. This is the second of a 4-part class that is designed for youth in 8th-12th grades. This program is meant to encourage you to be bigger part of the church and community through Bible study, proven leadership skill building, and fellowship with others from around your region. We really get a chance to dig in to some interesting topics. Upon completion of all four classes or two classes and attendance of the MLK Jr Service Lock In (January 19-20), each student may receive a full scholarship for a Diocesan Event. As always, pizza and snacks provided.

There is NO *scheduled* Youth Group meeting next Monday night, **November 25th**. *HOWEVER*, a few of you expressed a desire to meet anyway. I'm open to that. In fact, that is when we could set up the Warm Tree in the Narthex and do some decorating of our room for the Holidays. **LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT TO DO THAT.**

Our next scheduled meeting is **December 2nd**. We are going to be working on some decorations in preparation for our visit to **Bello Machre** (<https://bellomachre.org/>) in addition to some of our usual activities.

Thursday, December 5th. Bello Machre. There is a **two-hour early dismissal** for all Anne Arundel County schools on that day, so hopefully adding this in won't have a hugely disruptive impact on your lives! From **3-5** we will gather at the Annapolis Bello Machre home to help the three residents do some decorating and we will bake some cookies with them. I am really hoping to have a nice turn-out of maybe five of you and another adult. **PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WILL COME.** This is a really important opportunity for us to put Jesus' command to love our neighbors into practice – and it is fun holiday stuff to boot! I will share the location once you commit.

The next big event is our annual **CHRISTMAS CAROLING** outing. That will be **15 December**, from the end of the 11:15 service (approximately 12:30) for about 2 hours. We first meet in the Parish Hall for a quick cold cut lunch, and distribution of the hats and bells and music! We will visit some parishioners unable to get about in this season and share some of our joy and love. It may be cold outside, but the smiles you receive will keep you warm the rest all through the holidays.

The very next day, **Monday December 16th**, at our regular Youth Group meeting is our

CHRISTMAS PARTY!!! And yes, that means the

infamous **PLASTIC-WRAP BALL!** Oh yes – it's baaaaaaaack.

We are off the next two weeks, but we resume on **January 6th**. And do you realize that the next **Sunday is the 12th**, **the day we run the services!**?!?!? Holy Smokes! We got work to do!!!!

And the following weekend is the **MLK Jr. Day Lock-In**. More to come as we get closer.

And, because this is the Holy Hotmail and I can't resist, Special Edition or not...



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