

Scouting News

Harman Girl Scouts earn horseback riding badges

Harman School Girl Scouts enjoyed a day off from school recently, and earned a horseback riding badge. Pictured from L to R: Elizabeth Ordeman, Alicia Cox, Michelle Strauss, Madeline Cox, McKenna Morrissey, Carrie Bartlett, Sophie Tokar, Natalie Thielen. The girls earned the money for these field trips selling girl scout cookies last year! This troop (or Junior Troop 32485) is also sponsoring a school supply drive for underprivileged schools in conjunction with Crayons for Classrooms, a national charity. A collection box will be in place at the Oakwood Recreation Center through November, or donations can be made directly to members of the troop. Supplies needed include markers, notebook paper, pens, pencils, spiral notebooks, folders, construction paper and crayons.



Events

St. Paul's presenting Advent & Angels

The community is invited to visit St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the Sundays of Advent for a celebration of one of the "unseen" parts of God's Creation, the world of angels. Who are these mysterious beings? How do humans perceive and encounter and interact with them? Facilitator Joanne McPortland will draw on Scripture, liturgical texts, theological writing, art, music, and literature to discover more about these heavenly messengers, whose presence is everywhere as we prepare for Christmas.

Advent I: Sunday, Nov. 29—"Fear Not!": *Angels in Scripture and in Apocryphal Texts* What does the Bible tell us about angels? And what do we know that comes, instead, from non-canonical writings? Today we'll get to know angels, named and unnamed, in scriptural tradition. Whatever you think you know about angels, be ready to think again!

Advent II: Sunday, Dec. 6—*Dancing on the Head of a Pin: Jewish, Christian and Islamic*

Angelology

You can't tell your choirs of angels without a program—and today we'll look at how medieval theologians from various traditions categorized and theorized about angels. We'll also look at the role angels play in the mystical and magical traditions of the three Abrahamic faiths.

Advent III: Sunday, December 13—*The Heavenly Host: Angels in Liturgy, Music and Legend*

Angels' primary reason for being (like ours) is to praise God, so it's no surprise that they're everywhere in our worship, hymnody, prayer, and calendar of saints. Today we'll identify liturgical texts attributed to angels, and add our voices to their perpetual choir of joyful adoration.

Advent IV: Sunday, December 20—*Wings of Desire: Angels in Popular Culture*

It should be apparent by this week that angels have little in common with chubby winged babies or fairylike statues, but their comforting presence is everywhere in

popular culture, from films to TV shows to pop music and gift-shop tchatchkes. This week we'll look at our desire for angels, as we get ready to hear once again the tidings of great joy they bring.

Each 1-hour session will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 33 W. Dixon Avenue in Oakwood. For more information about this series or other events, please call St. Paul's Episcopal Church at (937) 293-1154, or visit our web site: www.stpauls-dayton.org. We look forward to seeing you!

Joanne K. McPortland has been teaching and writing on the intersection of faith and culture for 40 years. She was the principal curriculum designer and contributing writer for The Bible and Its Influence (BLP 2006), an innovative high school text on the Bible and Western culture, the only text of its kind to be found constitutionally sound for use in public schools. Joanne writes a weekly commentary on the Sunday readings for St. Paul's worship bulletin and web site (www.stpauls-dayton.org).

South Park Holiday Home Tour

"Historic South Park Holiday Home Tour" will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 from 12 Noon - 7 p.m. in Dayton's Historic South Park neighborhood. The self-guided tour of 11 festively decorated homes will start at Hope

Lutheran Church, located at 500 Hickory Street. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 on the day of the tour (until 5 p.m.) Visit www.historicsouthpark.org or call (937) 603-4893 for additional information or to reserve tickets.

Oakwood Food Drive underway

The City of Oakwood Holiday Food Drive begins on Monday, Nov. 2 and continues through Sunday, Dec. 20. Donations will benefit the Food Bank serving Montgomery,

Greene and Preble Counties. Collection boxes will be available at the OCC, 105 Patterson Road and the City Building, 30 Park Avenue. Share your blessings with others.

Collection for eyeglasses underway

Our family is going to collect eyeglasses to send to Mayan families so that the Mayan people of Guatemala will not continue to see the beautiful Guatemalan countryside in a BLUR!

• Search your home for used eyeglasses, they do not need to be in style or beautiful!!

• Drop them in the bin on our front porch...103 Spirea Drive or call 299-0051 and we will pick up. The Oakwood Register office at 435 Patterson Rd. has also offered to be a drop-off point for the glasses.

Muchas Gracias from the Wagner Family!! 299-0051.

Nutcracker coloring contest

Dayton Ballet and WHIOTV are excited to announce the Sugar Plum Fairy Coloring Contest in conjunction with Dayton Ballet's The Nutcracker which returns to the Benjamin and Marion Schuster Performing Arts Center Dec. 11-20.

Children ages 4-10 may apply by downloading the coloring page available by clicking the link in the upper right corner on the ballet's website www.daytonballet.org or by submitting their original artwork representing The Nutcracker theme by Nov. 28 at 5 p.m. Winners will be determined at the dancers' discretion and will receive four tickets to Dayton Ballet's The Nutcracker, four tickets to the

Behind the Magic Backstage Tour and an autographed keepsake from the Sugarplum Fairy and the Dayton Ballet Dancers.

Each submission must include the child's name, age, address, city, state, zip code and parent or guardian phone number or email on the reverse side. Please do not include personal information on the front of the coloring page or drawing. Entries should be sent or delivered to Sugar Plum Fairy Coloring Contest c/o Dayton Ballet, 140 N. Main Street, Dayton, OH 45402 or by email to diane.schoeffler-warren@daytonballet.org. Only one entry per child will be accepted. The winners will be announced on Dec. 1,

@ the O.C.C.



Mini-sessions starting Nov 30

The mini-sessions of Tap, Jazz, Beginning Cheer, Pre-school Gymnastics, Tumbling Together, Tumbling Tots, Beginner

and Intermediate Gymnastics will begin on Nov. 30. Stop by the OCC to see the schedule and sign up. We also have a youth art class on

Dec. 2, 9 & 16 from 4-5 p.m. for grades 1 - 6. The weather is turning cold, so sign your kids up for some fun indoor activities today!