

**Birthdays**

We send special birthday wishes to our children. The following are those who have upcoming birthdays:

**December**

Keagan Dunne 10<sup>th</sup> (fifth birthday)  
 Michael Trahan 17<sup>th</sup> (first birthday)

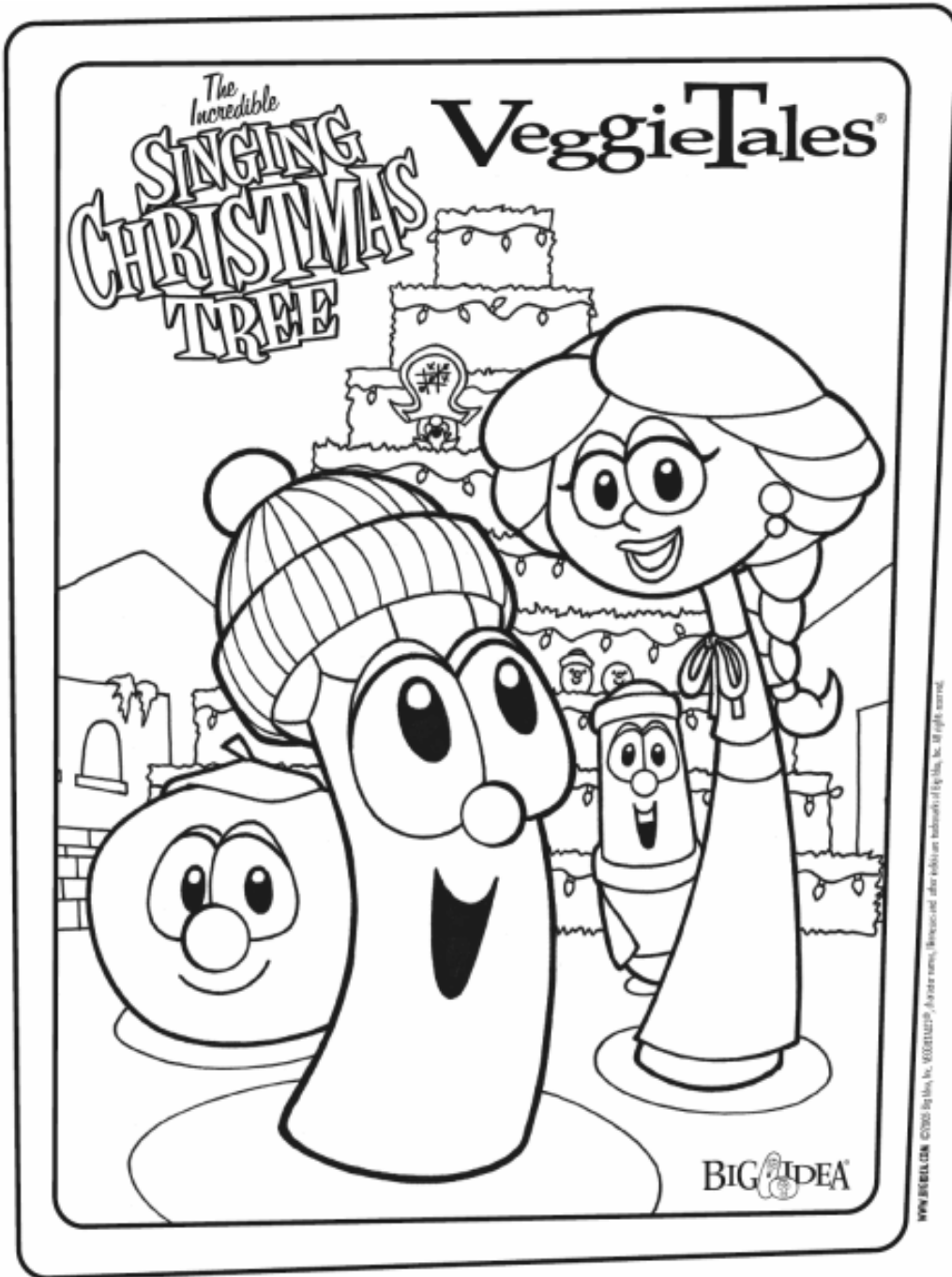
**February**

Heather Tyner 2<sup>nd</sup> (eighth birthday)  
 Ashton Payne 9<sup>th</sup> (sixth birthday)

**January**

Emily Trahan 6<sup>th</sup> (sixth birthday)

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!*



# Christ Church Children's Ministries Newsletter



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Our Children's Ministries Newsletter is a way for us to keep parents and the congregation informed about what our children are up to. Included in the newsletter are class highlights, announcements, up coming events and activities.

**See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come.** -- Malachi 3:1 (NIV)

**Nursery Notions**

We have had a great start to our Children's Nursery program this year! We have seen little ones return from last year, new families join and others have graduated on to our Sunday School program.

I would like to extend my thanks to our volunteers, who make it possible for parents and caregivers to have time to worship during the 9:00 am and 10:45 am services.

Our current volunteers are:



Kayla McArthur



Tracy Payne



Gini Samuel

Not Pictured:  
 Jane Hutton

Alicia Maynard

Jasmine Massey

Please note that you are welcome to stay with your child in the nursery until they are comfortable to stay with our volunteers, and nursing mothers are welcome to use the comfy rocking chair to feed little ones.

Blessings,  
 -- Shumaila Desrochers

## Sunday School Highlights

This fall both our junior and senior classes have been taking a journey through the Bible. Both classes began with Creation and continued with Noah, Abraham and Sarah and Moses. As we move into the Advent and Christmas season and through Epiphany our junior class will be exploring the Christmas story, and being a friend like Jesus. Our senior class will look at the Kings of Israel, a divided Kingdom, the prophecy of the Messiah and Jesus' life from birth to baptism.

***The angel said to Mary, 'The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you. You will give birth to a son and will name him Jesus.'*** -- Luke 1:28,31 (Abridged)

### Benjamin's Top



It has been a while since our Children performed a pageant. I was reminded by many of you of this last Christmas. By popular demand the children of Christ Church will be presenting a Christmas play. Our play is called *Benjamin's Top*. It is the story of a young shepherd boy, in the fields on the night of our Saviour's birth. The production will take place during both the 9:00 am and 10:45 am services on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**A reminder to parents:** Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> between the 9:00 am and 10:45 am services is our dress rehearsal. Children are required to be present for both services on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

-- Andrea White

## Announcements

### Registration Forms

Registration forms have *not* been returned for all children. A new registration form must be completed every year. Registration forms are *required for all children* regardless of whether they attend weekly, bi-weekly, once a month or even once a term.

If your child is attending Nursery or Sunday School please ensure that you have completed a registration form. Completed registration forms are required for your child to be able to fully participate in the programming. They also allow us to provide more personalized care for your child. It is important for us at Christ Church that your child be welcomed, cared for and safe. Our registration forms are designed to provide us with the necessary information for us to meet that goal.

Registration forms are available from:  
Nursery – Shumaila DesRochers  
Sunday School – Andrea White

## Children's Christmas Party

By the time you read this the Christ Church Children's Party will have already been held again place this year. The party took place Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and was run between 12:00 and 2:00 pm. Once again the cost was a low \$10.00 per child. Every year this proves to be a fun-filled event for our children organized by Tim and Catharine Laing and their team of elves. Parents and grandparents bring their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Some people also bring their neighbours for community fun. As a special surprise Santa took time out of his busy schedule to have pictures taken with the kids.



### Teachers

In September the call went out that the Sunday school program was in crisis as we did not have enough teachers to run the program. We are grateful for the many in our congregation who expressed their support and willingness to ensure that our children's ministry continued.

We are very pleased to say that we now have a teaching roster of 13 teachers and assistants, along with a few others who are willing to assist at the last minute. We do still have space for you to help if God is calling you to this special ministry.

### Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are now available for pick up from Andrea for those parents who requested them for their child. If you have not received envelopes requested for your child or would like to request envelopes please contact Andrea or speak to your child's Sunday school teacher.

### Upcoming Events and Activities

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| Children's Christmas Party      | December 5  |
| Children's Play Dress Rehearsal | December 14 |
| Children's Play                 | December 20 |
| Christmas Eve Service           | December 24 |
| No Sunday School                | December 27 |
| Teachers Meeting                | January TBD |

